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**[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011 ON PAGE 223]**

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THE MARCH 1ST, 2011 MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BEGIN. WE'LL FIRST BE LED IN PRAYER BY PASTOR KYLE SHIMAZAKI, ASSOCIATE OUTREACH PASTOR FOR THE EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE BY GEORGE LARRY BUTLER, WHO IS A FORMER PETTY OFFICER WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY, FIRST PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS, AND FROM SAN PEDRO IN THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. SO IF THE AUDIENCE WOULD PLEASE RISE, AND PASTOR?

KYLE SHIMAZAKI: GOOD MORNING. WILL YOU PLEASE JOIN ME FOR A WORD OF PRAYER? HEAVENLY FATHER, WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH. YOU ARE A GREAT GOD. LORD, YOUR GLORY FILLS THE HEAVENS, YOUR SPLENDOR COVERS THE EARTH. AND, LORD, YOU ARE OUR CREATOR, OUR REDEEMER, OUR GOOD SHEPHERD. AND LORD, WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR PRESENCE HERE IN THIS PLACE. WE THANK YOU THAT YOU LOVE EVERY PERSON IN THIS ROOM, GOD. AND, LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVITATION THAT YOUR WORD TELLS US THAT YOU'RE GOING TO INVITE ALL OF US, THOSE WHO ARE WEARY AND HEAVY LADEN, TO COME UNTO



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1 YOU AND WE SHALL FIND REST FOR OUR SOULS. YOUR YOKE IS EASY
2 AND YOUR BURDEN IS LIGHT LORD. AND SO THIS MORNING WE RECEIVE
3 YOUR GRACE, GOD. FATHER, WE YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR BLESSINGS OF
4 OUR GREAT COUNTY THAT WE LIVE IN AND THAT WE'RE A PART OF,
5 GOD. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SO MANY BLESSINGS, YOU'VE BEEN SO
6 GOOD TO US, GOD, AND LORD, AS YOUR PEOPLE, WE CHOOSE TO HUMBLE
7 OURSELVES. WE CHOOSE TO PRAY AND SEEK YOUR FACE. WE CHOOSE TO
8 TURN FROM ANY WICKED OR HARMFUL WAYS THAT WE MIGHT LOVE YOU
9 WITH ALL OF OUR HEART AND THAT WE MIGHT GIVE YOU GLORY AND
10 HONOR THAT YOU ARE SO WORTHY OF, GOD. LORD, AT THIS TIME, WE
11 DESIRE TO LIFT UP OUR MEDICAL PERSONNEL, OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT,
12 OUR FIRE FIGHTERS, AND WE THANK YOU FOR THE OUTSTANDING JOB
13 THAT THEY ARE DOING, LORD, IN PROTECTING US AND SERVING US,
14 GOD. WE REALIZE THAT THEIR LINE OF WORK CAN BE DANGEROUS AND
15 VERY STRESSFUL. SO GOD, WE PRAY THAT YOU WOULD BLESS THEM AND
16 PROTECT THEM, PROTECT THEIR MARRIAGES, PROTECT THEIR FAMILIES,
17 GOD. WATCH OVER THEM. THANK YOU GOD. FATHER, AT THIS TIME, WE
18 COMMIT OUR BUDGET TO YOU AND WE BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE A GOD
19 THAT CAN PROVIDE FOR ALL OF OUR NEEDS THROUGH THE RICHES OF
20 YOUR GRACE. THANK YOU, GOD. LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR OUR COUNTY
21 LEADERS AND THE FINE WORK THAT THEY ARE DOING. AND WE ASK THAT
22 YOU WOULD CONTINUALLY GIVE THEM YOUR WISDOM, YOUR CHARACTER,
23 YOUR JUSTICE, YOUR TRUTH, GOD, AS THEY LEAD US, LORD. AND
24 FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS MEETING TODAY. AND, LORD, WE
25 PRESENT THE BUSINESS UPON THE AGENDA TO YOU AND WE ASK FOR



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1 YOUR BLESSINGS AS WE PRAY THESE THINGS IN YOUR NAME. AMEN.

2 AMEN.

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4 **GEORGE LARRY BUTLER:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR HAND
5 OVER YOUR HEART AND FOLLOW ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [
6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES
11 AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF
12 APPRECIATION TO GEORGE LARRY BUTLER, WHO LIVES IN SAN PEDRO,
13 IS A FORMER PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS IN THE UNITED STATES
14 NAVY. HE SERVED IN THE NAVY FROM 1966 TO 1968 AS A SEAMAN
15 DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. HE RECEIVED A COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, A
16 MERITORIOUS UNIT MEDAL, VIETNAM SERVICE CAMPAIGN MEDAL,
17 REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL AND NAVY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL
18 AND A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. HE CURRENTLY WORKS AS A
19 TEACHER FOR L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE IS MARRIED WITH
20 ONE CHILD, HAS LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR 10 YEARS. SO
21 ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND 10 MILLION RESIDENTS HERE OF THIS
22 GREAT COUNTY, WE WANT TO THANK HIM FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME
23 LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE BUT ALSO TO THANK HIM FOR HIS SERVICE TO
24 AMERICA. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA?

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. GOOD MORNING. IT'S MY HONOR
4 THIS MORNING TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO
5 PASTOR KYLE SHIMAZAKI. HE IS THE DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH
6 MINISTRIES AT EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE SAN GABRIEL
7 VALLEY. THIS THRIVING CONGREGATION IS AN EXTENSION OF THE
8 EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN
9 1925 TO SERVE THE BOYLE HEIGHTS JAPANESE COMMUNITY. IN 1988,
10 THE CHURCH RELOCATED TO ROSEMEAD. AND IN 1997, IT EXPANDED
11 FURTHER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. THE
12 PARISH OFFERS CHILDREN'S, YOUTH AND ADULT FAMILY MINISTRIES AS
13 WELL AS LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH. WE WANT TO THANK THE
14 PASTOR. HE HAS JOINED US ON MANY OF OUR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES
15 AND COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITIES OUT THERE. WE COMMEND HIS
16 LEADERSHIP AND IT REALLY IS AN HONOR TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE
17 OF APPRECIATION TO YOU. THANKS SO MUCH, SIR. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANKS AGAIN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE AGENDA.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE
24 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE



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1 MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-
2 P.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED.
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 4, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1-
8 11. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, THIS IS A 3-VOTE ITEM, NOT A 4-VOTE
9 ITEM, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ALSO
10 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUEST THAT THIS
11 ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 8, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 12
18 THROUGH 55. ON ITEM NUMBER 12, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
19 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 13, AS
20 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH
22 8, 2011. ON ITEM NUMBER 17, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISION AS
23 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM,
24 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. 17.
25 ON ITEM NUMBER 20, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE



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1 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 23, THE DIRECTOR OF
2 HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK
3 TO MARCH 8, 2011. ON ITEM NUMBER 24, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
4 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 25, AS
5 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
6 HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS
7 DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM NUMBER 31, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
8 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 32, THE
9 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
10 ONE WEEK TO MARCH 8, 2011. ON ITEM NUMBER 38, THERE'S A
11 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
12 NUMBER 48, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
13 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MARCH 15, 2011. ON ITEM NUMBER 49, AS
14 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE SHERIFF REQUESTS
15 THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM
16 NUMBER 52, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS
17 ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MARCH 15, 2011. AND THE
18 REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
21 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 25, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION,
24 ITEM NUMBER 56. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE
25 RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE



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1 COUNTY CODE TITLE 2 -- ADMINISTRATION RELATING TO THE FEE
2 CHARGED BY THE CORONER WHEN REMOVING THE BODY FROM THE PLACE
3 OF DEATH AND KEEPING THE BODY UNTIL ITS RELEASE. THAT ITEM IS
4 BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED.
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS. ITEMS NO. 57 THROUGH 59.
10 ON ITEM NO. 57, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE
11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
12 ONE WEEK TO MARCH 8, 2011.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
15 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 57. ON ITEM NUMBER 58, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
18 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
19 MARCH 15, 2011. AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S REQUESTS FROM
20 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NUMBER 59, THE
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION REQUESTS
22 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 8, 2011.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED.
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON PAGE 27, MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NUMBER 60-A, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 60-B, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES "NO" ON THIS ITEM AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE. AND THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THE ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 60-C, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT DOES ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 60-D IS BEFORE YOU.

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SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: SO MOVED. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON PAGE 28 -- EXCUSE ME, MR. MAYOR. ON ITEM NUMBER 60-C, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE HOLDING IT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA ALSO REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE HELD. 60-B, EXCUSE ME, NOT 60-C.

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SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: IT'S GOING TO BE HELD.

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CLERK SACHI HAMAI: IT'LL BE HELD. ON PAGE 28, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY

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1 YOUR BOARD. ON ITEM A-4, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
2 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM, SO WE WILL HOLD THAT, AND ALSO I
3 JUST RECEIVED A NOTE ON ITEM NUMBER 8, IF WE COULD ASK FOR
4 RECONSIDERATION ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS ASKED
5 THE ITEM TO BE HELD.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION, SECONDED BY
8 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SO ITEM
9 8 WILL BE HELD.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. AND THAT COMPLETES THE AGENDA.
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
13 DISTRICT NUMBER 2.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU
16 HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? DON?
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES
20 AND GENTLEMEN, WITH ME UP HERE IS RYAN LOW, WHO IS A STUDENT
21 AT PALOS VERDES HIGH SCHOOL. IN 2010, RYAN WAS SPONSORED BY
22 AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 184 IN REDONDO BEACH AS A BOYS STATE
23 REPRESENTATIVE FROM PALOS VERDES HIGH SCHOOL. AT THE BOYS
24 STATE GATHERING IN 2010, RYAN WAS ONE OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES
25 ELECTED BY HIS PEERS TO REPRESENT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AT



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1 THE BOYS NATION. EACH YEAR, TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF
2 THE BOYS STATE GATHERINGS ARE ELECTED TO REPRESENT THEIR
3 INDIVIDUAL STATES AT THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION
4 CONFERENCE THAT IS HELD ANNUALLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. RYAN WAS
5 ELECTED GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA BOYS STATE AND WAS LATER
6 SELECTED AS SECRETARY OF THE SENATE AT BOYS NATION. THE
7 PURPOSE OF BOYS NATION IS TO GIVE A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
8 LEADER AN EDUCATION ON THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF THE
9 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. BOYS STATE AND BOYS NATION ALUMNI INCLUDE
10 TOM BROKAW, FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON, NEIL ARMSTRONG,
11 MICHAEL JORDON, JUST TO NAME A FEW. RYAN'S ACADEMIC AND
12 COMMUNITY SERVICE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE EXTRAORDINARY. HE ALSO
13 INCLUDES OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, OF BECOMING A SEAL
14 BEARER WITH THE CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION, MEMBERSHIP
15 IN THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, AND ALSO BEING CAPITAL CONVOY
16 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AND RECEIVING THE WESTLAND BOOK AWARD.
17 OBVIOUSLY HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HIS ABILITY TO GET THINGS DONE,
18 TO SORT OF WORK THROUGH TO BE COMMON SENSE AND JUST BEING AN
19 ALL-AROUND NICE YOUNG MAN, HIS FUTURE IS BRIGHT. WE HAD AN
20 INTERESTING CONVERSATION UPSTAIRS IN HIS PROCESS AT BOTH
21 SACRAMENTO AND WASHINGTON. AND I WILL TELL YOU IT'S ABOUT AS
22 CLOSE TO REAL LIFE AS YOU CAN POSSIBLY GET TRYING TO BRING
23 PEOPLE TOGETHER, HAVING FRIENDS ON ONE SIDE AND NOT THE OTHER
24 SIDE. SO HE HAD A GREAT EXPERIENCE AND A GREAT YOUNG MAN, SO



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1 PLEASE GIVE RYAN A WARM WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS. [
2 APPLAUSE]
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4 **RYAN LOW:** TO BEGIN, I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE HERE WITH ME
5 TODAY, MY PARENTS, MY PRINCIPAL, MR. CHRIS BOWLES, MY GUIDANCE
6 COUNSELOR, MR. RAMIREZ, AND THE MAN WHO ALLOWED ME TO COME TO
7 BOYS STATE IN THE FIRST PLACE, MR. MATTHEW TURNER. BOYS STATE
8 AND BOYS NATION OFFER OPPORTUNITIES UNPARALLELED TO YOUNG MEN
9 ACROSS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO NOT ONLY ENGAGE IN
10 INTERESTING POLITICAL DISCOURSE WITH THEIR PEERS BUT ALSO TO
11 MEET OTHER YOUNG MEN WITH SKILLS, WITH TALENTS, WITH A BRIGHT
12 FUTURE AHEAD OF THEM AND REALLY GETTING TO MAKE AND REALLY
13 BEGINNING TO MAKE FRIENDS AND CONNECTIONS THAT LAST A
14 LIFETIME. AND IT'S THESE TYPES OF OPPORTUNITIES THAT CAN
15 TRANSFORM OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM INDIVIDUALS SITTING IN FRONT
16 OF T.V.S OR COMPUTERS INTO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO GO OUT AND ENGAGE
17 IN PUBLIC SERVICE AND HELP TRANSFORM OUR STATE, OUR COUNTY,
18 OUR CITIES FOR THE BETTER. AND I URGE COMMUNITY LEADERS AND
19 ELECTED OFFICIALS ALIKE TO SUPPORT THESE -- TO CONTINUE TO
20 SUPPORT THESE PROGRAMS SO THAT YOUNG PEOPLE CAN GET OFF THE
21 STREETS, GET BACK IN THE CLASSROOM AND WE CAN MOVE OUT OF THIS
22 AGE OF PERSEVERANCE AND INTO AN ERA OF PROSPERITY. SO AGAIN,
23 THANK YOU, EVERYONE, AND THANK YOU ESPECIALLY TO SUPERVISOR
24 KNABE AND HIS STAFF. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WITH THAT, NEED I SAY MORE? MR. MAYOR.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TODAY WE HAVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 PARKS AND RECREATION, RUSS GUINEY, OUR DIRECTOR, ALONG WITH
5 HAYDEN SOHM, WHO IS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR. RUSS KIMURA,
6 PLACERITA CANYON PARK SUPERINTENDENT, FRANK HOFFMAN, WHO IS
7 PLACERITA CANYON NATURE CENTER, JIM SMITH, CHIEF DEVELOPMENT
8 DIRECTOR FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DAVID HOWARD
9 FROM THE PLACERITA NATURE CENTER ASSOCIATES, JIM SOUTHWELL,
10 AND REG FEAR AND PAM LA COOK. AND FROM THE ARCHITECTS, GWEN
11 PAUGH AND STEPHANIE ERICKSON. AND THIS IS A BIG DAY FOR THE
12 COUNTY, BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THE FIRST LEED-E.B. SILVER RATED
13 CERTIFICATION FOR AN EXISTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING FOR
14 THE PLACERITA CANYON NATURE CENTER AND NATURAL AREA. THE
15 UNITED STATES GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL RECENTLY APPROVED THE
16 RATINGS FOR THE LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN
17 IN AN EXISTING BUILDING. THIS CERTIFICATION ENCOURAGES OWNERS
18 AND OPERATORS OF EXISTING BUILDINGS TO IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABLE
19 PRACTICES AND REDUCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THEIR
20 BUILDING OVER THEIR FUNCTIONAL LIFE CYCLES. THIS WAS A LOT OF
21 WORK, A LOT OF TREMENDOUS HARD WORK AND EFFORT THAT WAS PUT IN
22 THIS FACILITY IN RECEIVING THIS. THIS WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT
23 BACK IN 1971. THEN THE CENTER UNDERWENT A \$2.1 MILLION
24 RENOVATION PROGRAM IN 2009. THAT INCLUDED THE REROOFING OF THE
25 ENTIRE BUILDING, INCLUDING INSULATION, A COOL ROOF, AT REST



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1 ROOM BUILDINGS AND OTHER FLAT-ROOFED AREAS, THE ENCLOSURE OF
2 THE EXTERIOR OVERHEAD STRUCTURE WHICH WOULD CREATE ADDITIONAL
3 SPACE FOR THE NEW GIFT SHOP, THE NEWLY COMPLIANT FLOORING AND
4 RECYCLED CONTENT CARPETING, USE OF PAINT MATERIALS WITH LOW
5 V.O.C. AND COMPLETE A.D.A. UPGRADES TO THE BUILDING AND THE
6 PARKING LOT. SO NOW WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION. I'VE
7 BEEN OUT THERE MANY TIMES. THIS IS A FACILITY THAT OUR SCHOOLS
8 GO ON THEIR FIELD TRIPS AND I WOULD SAY FRANK AND OTHERS,
9 THEY'VE ALSO VOLUNTEERED IN THE SCHOOLS TO DO READ-INS FROM
10 TIME TO TIME. WHERE'S FRANK? I JOIN FRANK AS WELL, SO LET ME
11 GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION. THIS IS YOUR OSCAR FOR CLEAN
12 ENERGY AND LEADERSHIP, INNOVATIONS FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF
13 PARKS AND RECREATION. AND I WOULD JUST ADD, MAY 1 IS OUR NEXT
14 OUR TRAIL RIDE, WHICH WILL BE IN CASTAIC, SO ANYBODY THAT'S
15 INTERESTED IN RIDING WITH US ALL, PLEASE CONTACT THE COUNTY. [
16 APPLAUSE]

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18 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIKE).

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20 **RUSS GUINEY:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH. A HUNDRED YEARS AGO,
21 OUR NATIONAL LEADERS SUCH AS THEODORE ROOSEVELT, GIFFORD
22 PINCHOT, FREDERICK OLMSTEAD, AND OTHERS WERE TELLING US WE
23 NEEDED TO CONSERVE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. AND TODAY THE GREEN
24 BUILDING COUNCIL IS TELLING US WE NEED TO DO THAT EVEN WITH
25 OLD BUILDINGS AND EXISTING BUILDINGS, AND THIS IS CERTAINLY A



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1 MODEL FOR THAT. IT'S SHOWING US HOW WE CAN USE OLD BUILDINGS
2 AND REUSE THEM AND CONTINUE TO USE THEM. BUT NOT ONLY ARE WE
3 USING MATERIALS THAT ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TO STAFF,
4 BOTH OUR NATURE CENTER ASSOCIATES AND THE STAFF THAT WORK IN
5 THE PARK HAVE TO COMMIT TO USING SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AS WE
6 GO FORWARD, SEPARATING AND RECYCLING MATERIALS THAT COME OUT
7 OF THE CENTER EVERY DAY. SO THIS IS TRULY A SUSTAINABLE
8 BUILDING. IT WAS A PARTNERSHIP WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND WITH THE
9 C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR PARTNERS AND
10 THE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FROM THE SUPERVISOR WHO HELPED US GET
11 THE FUNDING TO DO THIS PROJECT AND MAKE IT A GREAT EXAMPLE FOR
12 THE COMMUNITY OF SUSTAINABILITY AND THE FIRST COUNTY BUILDING
13 TO GET AN EXISTING BUILDING LEED CERTIFICATION, SO THANK YOU
14 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SPEAKER:** I REALLY APPRECIATED WORKING WITH THE COUNTY ON THIS
17 PARTICULAR PROJECT AND I THINK THAT IT WAS A PROCESS OF
18 LEARNING FOR EVERYBODY CONCERNED, OURSELVES AND WITH THE
19 COUNTY AND IT WAS A CHANGING OF ATTITUDES THE WAY THAT WE USE
20 OUR RESOURCES AND WE REALLY APPRECIATED THE WHOLE PROCESS.
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE DACHSIE-SPANIEL
24 MIX WHO IS 11 WEEKS OLD. A LITTLE BOY. HIS NAME IS GOLIATH. WE
25 HAD DAVID LAST WEEK AND NOW THIS IS GOLIATH. ANYWAY, LITTLE



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1 GOLIATH IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY WHO'D LIKE TO ADOPT
2 HIM, YOU CAN CALL THE NUMBER (562) 728-4644. OR ANYBODY IN THE
3 AUDIENCE WHO IS INTERESTED IN LITTLE GOLIATH. HE'S GOING TO BE
4 A BIG BOY. HE'S 11 WEEKS OLD NOW. HE'S MORE THAN A SPANIEL MIX
5 AND DACHSIE. WHOSE YOUR GRANDFATHER? SUPERVISOR THOMAS, YOU'RE
6 UP.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. PERMIT ME
9 TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS. MR.
10 EARL ALPHONSO THOMAS, JR., BORN JULY 23, 1940, IN PEMBROKE,
11 NORTH CAROLINA, AND PASSED ON FEBRUARY 12 THIS YEAR AT THE AGE
12 OF 72. HE WAS A NATIVE AMERICAN AND PROUD MEMBER OF THE LUMBEE
13 INDIAN TRIBE, GRADUATED FROM JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL IN
14 CLEVELAND, OHIO, WHERE HE WAS AN ALL-AROUND ATHLETE AND MOVED
15 TO LOS ANGELES IN THE 1980S. HE WORKED AS A CHIEF ENGINEER FOR
16 DOLE PINEAPPLE IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES AND BUILT PLANTS FOR
17 DOLE IN HAWAII AND ALL OVER ASIA, INCLUDING THAILAND AND
18 CHINA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JO; HIS CHILDREN, EARL
19 JAMES, EARLINE, CHRISTINA, JORDAN, CHARNEL. AND HE WILL BE
20 MISSED BY ALL. MR. RICHARD LEE ATKINS, MR. MAYOR AND
21 COLLEAGUES, BORN JANUARY 11, 1926 IN AN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, AND
22 PASSED ON FEBRUARY 17 THIS YEAR AT THE AGE OF 85. HE SERVED IN
23 THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS IN THE 1940S AND MOVED TO LOS
24 ANGELES IN THE 1960S. HE STUDIED THAT EASTERN MICHIGAN
25 UNIVERSITY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST LOS ANGELES SCHOOL OF



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1 LAW. HE WAS A LICENSED CONTRACTOR AND BROKER AND BUILT MANY
2 HOMES AND BUILDINGS IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA. HE WAS A MEMBER
3 OF MANY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATIONS AND COUNSELED YOUNG VETERANS
4 IN THE REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS
5 PIONEERING ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN HIS TRADE AND AS A BELOVED
6 RESIDENT OF THE VETERANS COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER'S HOME FOR
7 HEROES HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JOAN;
8 HIS TWO CHILDREN, KATHLEEN AND DYKE; AND EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN;
9 SIX GREAT GRANDCHILDREN; AND A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS AND
10 EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS. MR. HAROLD LEGAUX, JR., BORN AUGUST
11 17, 1949, IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND PASSED ON FEBRUARY
12 21 AT THE AGE OF 61. FOR MOST OF HIS ADULT LIFE HE OPERATED
13 THE ICONIC LOS ANGELES ESTABLISHMENT HAROLD & BELLE'S CREOLE
14 RESTAURANT, KNOWN FOR THEIR PO'BOY SANDWICHES, GUMBO AND RED
15 BEANS AND RICE. HAROLD & BELLE'S MOST DEDICATED PATRONS OFTEN
16 DINED ALONGSIDE NOTABLES, ENTERTAINERS, SPORTS FIGURES AND
17 POLITICAL DIGNITARIES. TO MANY, IT IS MORE THAN JUST A PLACE
18 TO EAT, IT IS A SOURCE OF COMMUNITY PRIDE AND THE MOST WELL-
19 REGARDED RESTAURANT LOS ANGELES'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY.
20 THIS IS NO DOUBT ATTRIBUTABLE TO HAROLD, HIS FAMILY, THEIR
21 HARD WORK, THEIR WORK ETHIC, SENSE OF PRIDE AND INVESTMENT.
22 HAROLD IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DENISE; HIS DEAR MOTHER,
23 BELLE; HIS SISTERS, GAYLE AND MARIE; HIS DAUGHTER, BRANDY; AND
24 HIS SON, RYAN. HE HAS ONE GRANDSON. HE LEAVES BEHIND MANY
25 EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS, AND HIS LONG-TIME BUSINESS PARTNER,



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1 AL HONORE. AND FINALLY, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, MS. META
2 TANNER, BORN APRIL 20, 1926 IN RUDKOBING, DENMARK, AND PASSED
3 ON FEBRUARY 23 AT THE AGE OF 84. SHE MOVED TO CALIFORNIA IN
4 1957 AND WORKED AS A PHARMACIST'S ASSISTANT. SHE RAISED BONSAI
5 TREES AND WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF MANY ORGANIZATIONS,
6 PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVED IN FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS. SHE WILL
7 BE BEST KNOWN FOR BEING A LOVING AND DEDICATED MOTHER. SHE IS
8 SURVIVED BY HER TWO CHILDREN, JOHN AND SUSAN; FIVE
9 GRANDCHILDREN AND FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THAT CONCLUDES MY
10 ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MR. MAYOR.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
13 ORDERED.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** TWO ITEMS TO PROCEED WITH, MR. MAYOR, IF
16 YOU WOULD. BOTH ITEMS 60-A AND 60-B. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE
17 MATTER THAT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION OVER THE PAST SEVERAL
18 WEEKS. THE BOARD HAS DELIBERATED WITH RESPECT TO THE MATTER OF
19 OUR BUDGET CRISIS THAT HAS ENVELOPED THE STATE, AND IT'S
20 IMPORTANT, I THINK, THAT WE DO WHAT WE CAN TO GO ON RECORD.
21 THEREFORE, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I HAVE PRESENTED THE BOARD
22 WITH A MOTION DEALING WITH OUR OWN, THAT IS, THE COUNTY'S
23 REALIGNMENT OF STRATEGY. AND I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN'T WAIT
24 UNLESS WE PUT OURSELVES IN A DISADVANTAGED POSITION. AND WE DO
25 SO WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS YET TO



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1 BE DETERMINED. BUT THIS MOTION ESSENTIALLY ARTICULATES THE
2 PERSPECTIVE OF THE BOARD, CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE TALKING POINTS THAT HAVE BEEN AFFORDED
4 US FOR OUR OWN ANALYSIS AND DISTILLATION. SIMPLY INSTRUCTS THE
5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE BROWN
6 ADMINISTRATION. WE ARE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT A NEW POINT OF
7 VIEW WAS ARTICULATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION JUST LAST EVENING.
8 BUT ALL OF THAT IS IMPORTANT AND WE APPRECIATE THE EXTENT TO
9 WHICH IT IS FLUID. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE ARE OBLIGED TO
10 PAY ATTENTION TO THE PRINCIPLES THAT GUIDE US AS WE MOVE
11 FORWARD. AND WE NEED TO BE VERY PUBLIC ABOUT IT, VERY CLEAR
12 ABOUT IT IN A WAY THAT PROTECTS OUR INTEREST AS A CORPORATE
13 ENTITY REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
14 I'LL DEFER TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FURTHER
15 AMPLIFICATION AFTER MR. KNABE WEIGHS IN IF HE IS SO INCLINED.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST WANTED TO JOIN IN AS WELL. MARK AND I HAVE
18 DISCUSSED THIS ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS. I THINK CLARITY IS
19 PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW FOR
20 EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND WHILE OUR WILLINGNESS IS TO ASSIST IN
21 EVERY WAY POSSIBLE TO GET THE STATE BACK ON THE RIGHT TRACK,
22 THERE ARE CERTAIN CONDITIONS THAT MUST APPLY BEFORE WE MOVE
23 FORWARD. AND SO THE EFFORT HERE IS JUST TO BRING CLARIFICATION
24 TO OUR ISSUES BEFORE US, SOME VERY STRONG POINTS THAT WE
25 CONTINUE TO NEED TO MAKE WITH THOSE IN SACRAMENTO, BUT AT



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1 LEAST HAVE EVERYONE ON THE SAME PAGE, AND WITH THAT, I WILL
2 YIELD TO OUR C.E.O.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE, AS PART OF THIS
5 MOTION, WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT WE SHOULD PRESENT AT LEAST OUR
6 CORE PRINCIPLES AS IT RELATES TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET.
7 YESTERDAY WE RECEIVED THE DRAFT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL
8 AMENDMENT. AND THAT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, ALTHOUGH IT
9 SPEAKS TO GUARANTEEING REVENUE FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS,
10 THERE'S STILL A QUESTION AND WITH THAT, WE THINK A SERIOUS
11 CONCERN REGARDING WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SIXTH YEAR AND BEYOND.
12 THE METHOD FOR DETERMINING HOW THAT MONEY WILL COME TO US IS
13 NOT SPECIFICALLY LAID OUT IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. WE
14 SEE WITH THE FIRST FIVE YEARS IS ALSO PREDICATED ON THE
15 EXTENSION OF THE V.L.F. AND SALES TAX. IT APPEARS AS IF, FROM
16 THE WAY THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS WRITTEN, THAT THE
17 STATE INTENDS TO GO BACK TO THE VOTERS IN THE SIXTH YEAR AND
18 AGAIN EXTEND THOSE TAXES. NOW THAT'S JUST -- IT'S OUR FEELING
19 ON HOW THEY'RE GOING TO ADDRESS THAT, BIT IT'S NOT ABSOLUTELY
20 SPECIFIED. SO I WOULD WORRY THAT ONCE THOSE PROGRAMS WOULD BE
21 DISBANDED AT THE STATE LEVEL AND PUSHED DOWN TO THE COUNTY,
22 UNLESS WE HAVE A GUARANTEE ON HOW THOSE PROGRAMS WILL BE
23 FUNDED FROM THE SIXTH YEAR ONWARD, THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED.
24 THERE'S ALSO NOT REAL CLEAR LANGUAGE OR CLEAR PROTECTION ON
25 PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE EXPANDED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF A STATE



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1 MANDATE, ON A FEDERAL MANDATE, OR A FEDERAL JUDICIAL DECISION.
2 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'VE BEEN PUSHING FROM DAY ONE, IS THAT
3 ALTHOUGH THERE'S A NUMBER OF THESE PROGRAMS THAT COULD WORK
4 THROUGH THE REALIGNMENT PROCESS, WE DO NEED PROTECTION ON A
5 GOING-FORWARD BASIS FROM ANY STATE OR FEDERAL MANDATES IN ANY
6 JUDICIAL ACTIONS. AS PART OF OUR PROPOSAL, WE HAD RECOMMENDED
7 AS AN ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM THE ABILITY FOR THE COUNTIES TO,
8 SHOULD THE MONEY NOT FLOW TO US IN A TIMELY MANNER, FOR THE
9 COUNTIES TO WITHHOLD PROPERTY TAX. NOW, THAT IS NOT IN THE
10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, AND IT'S NOT IN ANY DOCUMENT THAT'S
11 BEING PRESENTED BY C.S.A.C., BUT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE FEEL
12 WOULD BE AN ADDED SAFEGUARD, OR AT LEAST A DEGREE OF
13 ENFORCEABILITY THAT WE NEED FOR THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL.
14 WE'VE ALSO LOOKED AT, I THINK EVERYONE KNOWS THAT LAST FRIDAY,
15 THE GOVERNOR SUBMITTED A REVISED REALIGNMENT PROPOSAL WHICH
16 AGAIN ADDRESSES SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT WE'VE RAISED, WE'VE
17 BEEN RAISING FOR THE LAST MONTH, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF
18 PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS, THE ADULT PAROLE AND THE LOW-END
19 OFFENDER PROPOSAL. TO THE ADULT PAROLE, THE FUNDING SEEMS --
20 IT LOOKS LIKE THE FUNDING WILL BE FINE, BUT IT DOESN'T SPEAK
21 TO WHO WOULD HANDLE THE REVOCATION PROCESS. THE LOW-END
22 OFFENDER -- REVOCATION PROCESS. ON THE LOW-END OFFENDER, IT
23 ALSO LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE IDENTIFIED SOME OF THE CRIMES THAT
24 WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED OR INCLUDED IN THAT PARTICULAR
25 PROPOSAL. WE'D SEEN SOME MOVEMENT, BUT THERE ARE SOME ISSUES



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1 IN HERE THAT STILL NEED CONSIDERABLE CLARIFICATION. BUT WHAT
2 YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU TODAY WITH RESPECT TO OUR CORE PRINCIPLES
3 HAS NOT CHANGED. WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT WE SHOULD STILL ASK FOR
4 THE ABILITY TO WITHHOLD PROPERTY TAX EVEN THOUGH SOME OF OUR
5 OTHER PARTNERS UP AND DOWN THE STATE, ESPECIALLY C.S.A.C., HAS
6 NOT EMBRACED THAT PROPOSAL. WE THINK -- WE FEEL THAT WE NEED
7 TO BE AGGRESSIVE TO ENSURE THAT ON A GO-FORWARD BASIS OUR
8 FUNDING IS GUARANTEED. BECAUSE ONCE WE HAVE THESE PROGRAMS,
9 ONCE THEY'RE DISMANTLED AT THE STATE LEVEL AND SENT DOWN TO
10 THE COUNTY, THEN THERE'S JUST NO GOING BACK, AND SO HAVING
11 THAT DEGREE OF GUARANTEE BUT ALSO ENFORCEABILITY I FEEL WOULD
12 BE PARAMOUNT. ANY QUESTIONS ON THAT? I CAN GO ON WITH SOME OF
13 THE REVISED PROPOSALS, BUT I THINK TODAY WE ASK FOR YOUR
14 SUPPORT TO MOVE FORWARD THE MOTION BEFORE YOU TO ALLOW US TO
15 SEND FORWARD OUR CORE PRINCIPLES TO THE STATE.

16
17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A SPEAKER. I HAVE SOME POINTS
18 TOO. WE JUST HAVE ONE SPEAKER. ME CALL UP ARNOLD SACHS AND
19 THEN WE'LL CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSION AMONG THE BOARD ON THIS
20 ITEM. ARNOLD? NO ARNOLD? OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

21
22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO JUST ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS
23 AND I HAVE JUST A POINT TO MAKE. MR. FUJIOKA, YOU'VE BEEN ON
24 THE CONVERSATIONS WITH C.S.A.C. --



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, LET ME JUST
2 INTERRUPT YOU. LET ME HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS 12, 17,
3 20, 31, AND 38.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO MOVED.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'VE BEEN ON THE CONVERSATIONS WITH
11 C.S.A.C., WHAT IS THE REASON THAT THEY HAVE OFFERED FOR NOT
12 EMBRACING THE PROPERTY TAX PROPOSAL THAT WE'VE MADE?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THEY FEEL THE WAY THE LANGUAGE IS WRITTEN IN
15 THE CURRENT DRAFT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT MAKES THE
16 TRANSFER OF FUNDS ALL BUT AUTOMATIC. OUR CONCERN THOUGH IS
17 THAT ALTHOUGH THE STATE CONTROLLER WILL CUT THE CHECK AND THAT
18 WE'LL BE THIRD IN LINE FOR THE MONEY AFTER GENERAL OBLIGATION
19 BONDS AND FUNDING TO THE SCHOOLS, IT DOESN'T SPEAK TO THE
20 TIMING OF THAT TRANSFER. WE'RE CONCERNED THAT THE TRANSFER CAN
21 HAPPEN AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, WHEREAS WE HAVE
22 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THOSE PROGRAMS FROM THE FIRST DAY OF THE
23 FISCAL YEAR. THE OTHER PROBLEM IS THAT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN
24 THE SIXTH YEAR? THE SIXTH YEAR, THEY DO NOT SPECIFY WHERE THIS
25 REVENUE WOULD COME FROM. WE ARE HEARING THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS



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1 THAT THE STATE EXPECTS TO EXTEND THE TAXES AGAIN. SHOULD THAT
2 FAIL AND AT THE SAME TIME WE HAVE FIVE YEARS WHERE THESE
3 PROGRAMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE BEEN SHIFTED TO US, THEN
4 WE'LL BE LEFT WITHOUT ADEQUATE FUNDING. I FEEL THAT WHEN I'VE
5 TALKED TO THE STATE AND I'VE TALKED TO THE C.S.A.C. FOLKS,
6 THAT IF, IN FACT, EVERYTHING THEY'RE SAYING WORKS, WE WILL
7 NEVER NEED TO PULL THE TRIGGER AND TO WITHHOLD OUR PROPERTY
8 TAX. IT JUST BECOMES AN ABSOLUTE SAFEGUARD FOR LOCAL COUNTIES.
9 I STILL FEEL WE NEED THAT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST FOR THE RECORD, I DON'T KNOW WHAT
12 CHANNELS YOU'RE HEARING ABOUT EXTENDING THE TAX BEYOND THE
13 FIVE YEARS. THERE'S BEEN NO PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENT FROM THE
14 GOVERNOR, FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OR ANYBODY
15 ELSE. I THINK THEY HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL JUST TRYING TO GET IT
16 EXTENDED IN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS. SO I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE
17 HEARING THAT, BUT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THAT
18 RUMOR MILL, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT'S HELPFUL, GENERALLY,
19 BUT I THINK YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. I THINK WE KNOW THAT THE
20 FIRST FIVE YEARS IS GOING TO BE A BATTLE ENOUGH. ANYWAY, ON
21 THE ISSUE OF THE SIXTH YEAR AND BEYOND, I AGREE WITH YOU. AND
22 EVEN MORE STRONGLY THAN YOU ARTICULATED ON THIS ISSUE OF
23 UNCERTAINTY ABOUT YEAR SIX AND BEYOND. AND I'M JUST LOOKING AT
24 THE PART OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH ADDRESSES THAT
25 ISSUE. AND IT SAYS IN SECTION 8-E, WHEN THE TAXES DESCRIBED IN



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1 SUBDIVISIONS B AND C CEASE TO BE OPERATIVE AND DROP TO THEIR
2 2008 LEVELS, THIS GETS INTO THE YEAR SIX ISSUE, THE STATE
3 SHALL PROVIDE MONEYS TO THE LOCAL REVENUE FUND IN AN AMOUNT
4 EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT THAT OTHERWISE
5 WOULD HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY THE TAXES DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION
6 B AND C. THE METHOD FOR DETERMINING THESE AMOUNTS SHALL BE
7 DESCRIBED IN STATUTE AND THE STATE SHALL BE OBLIGATED TO
8 PROVIDE THOSE AMOUNTS FOR SO LONG AS THE LOCAL AGENCIES ARE
9 REQUIRED TO PERFORM PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES, ET CETERA. SO IT'S
10 NOT IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. IT'S IN STATUTE THAT THEY
11 PROPOSE TO DEVELOP THE METHODOLOGY THAT THE METHOD FOR
12 DETERMINING THE AMOUNTS. AND A STATUTE CAN BE APPROVED THIS
13 YEAR AND CAN BE RESCINDED NEXT YEAR. AND THAT'S HAPPENED TO US
14 TIME AFTER TIME. AND THINGS CAN CHANGE. THE CONSTITUTION
15 DOESN'T CHANGE THAT READILY. AND I THINK THAT THE POSITION
16 WE'VE TAKEN THAT WE NEEDED AN AIRTIGHT, NO ESCAPE CLAUSE,
17 CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEE ON THE YEAR-SIX AND BEYOND REVENUES
18 ASIDE FROM ALL THE OTHER THINGS, IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO
19 CONTINUE TO PURSUE. AND I KNOW THAT SOME OF THE C.S.A.C.
20 FOLKS, I'VE HEARD THAT SOME OF THE C.S.A.C. FOLKS WERE
21 THINKING THIS WAS GREAT LANGUAGE, THEY OUGHT TO READ SECTION
22 8-E. I DON'T THINK THAT ANYBODY IN C.S.A.C. OR ANY OF US WOULD
23 HAVE ACCEPTED OR BRACED A CONCEPT WHERE WE WOULD HAVE
24 STATUTORY GUARANTEES, BECAUSE A STATUTORY GUARANTEE IS HARDLY
25 A GUARANTEE. WE WANTED A CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEE. AND THAT



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1 SECTION OR SUBSECTION, FRANKLY, IF YOU JUST TOOK THAT
2 SUBSECTION OUT, I THINK IT WOULD BE STRONGER. AND THEN THERE
3 ARE SOME OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT KINDS OF GAMES CAN A STATE
4 CONTROLLER PLAY. NOT THIS ONE IN PARTICULAR, BUT HE WON'T BE
5 THERE FOREVER. WHAT DISCRETION DOES THE STATE CONTROLLER HAVE
6 TO WITHHOLD EVEN UNDER THIS LANGUAGE? WHEN IN THE FISCAL YEAR
7 WOULD THEY GIVE US THAT -- THOSE FUNDS, WHETHER IT BE ON JULY
8 1 OR ON JUNE 30 AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, THOSE KINDS OF
9 THINGS. BUT THE MAIN CONCERN I HAD IN THIS LANGUAGE ON THIS
10 ISSUE OF YEAR SIX AND BEYOND IS THAT SECTION 8-E, WHICH
11 VIRTUALLY SAYS THAT THE STATUTE WILL DETERMINE WHAT THE METHOD
12 OF DETERMINING THE AMOUNTS THAT WE ARE OWED AND HOW THEY'RE
13 GOING TO BE PAID ARE.

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IN A CONFERENCE CALL LAST NIGHT WITH THE
16 C.S.A.C. EXECUTIVE STAFF AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WITH THE
17 C.S.A.C. STAFF AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WE RAISED THAT VERY
18 SPECIFIC ISSUE, STATING THAT BECAUSE IT'S DETERMINED OR SET IN
19 STATUTE, WE ALL KNOW HOW THAT CAN BE CHANGED ON A GO-FORWARD
20 BASIS. WE RAISED THAT ISSUE. WE ALSO RAISED THE ISSUE ABOUT
21 THE TIMING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER'S CONCERNS. I MEAN STATE
22 CONTROLLER'S AUTHORITIES,. BUT YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I'D LIKE TO GET SOME -- NOT NECESSARILY
25 NOW, BUT MAYBE BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY, SOME INPUT FROM OUR



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1 OWN COUNTY COUNSEL ON THIS ISSUE OF THE YEAR SIX AND BEYOND.
2 I'M NOT A LAWYER. I JUST READ THIS STUFF IN PLAIN ENGLISH. AND
3 TO ME IN PLAIN ENGLISH IT SPELLS TROUBLE, OR AT LEAST
4 AMBIGUITY, WHICH COULD-- WE'D BE IN A LEGAL BATTLE WITH THEM
5 FOR YEARS BEFORE WE SAW A NICKEL. SO I THINK THE LESS
6 AMBIGUITY, THE BETTER, THAT WAS THE IDEA HERE. BECAUSE
7 OTHERWISE WE COULD BE END UP LEFT HOLDING THE BAG.

8

9 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** AND WE DO HAVE A LAWYER WORKING
10 SPECIFICALLY ON THAT ISSUE RIGHT NOW.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SPECIFICALLY ON THAT ISSUE RIGHT NOW?

13

14 **ANDREA ORDIN:** YES.

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THERE'S A GROUP OF COUNTY COUNSELS THROUGHOUT
17 THE STATE WHO ARE ON A SUBCOMMITTEE LOOKING AT THIS LANGUAGE.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU
20 COULD MAKE SURE WHATEVER YOUR LAWYER HAS DETERMINED, IF YOU
21 CAN SHARE IT WITH ALL OF US VIA EMAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I'D
22 LIKE TO BE CONFIDENT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER IN WHAT WE'RE DOING.
23 AND I THINK THE OTHER THINGS THAT YOU MENTIONED, BILL, ARE
24 ALMOST AS IMPORTANT AS THIS ISSUE. AND THAT IS THE ISSUE OF
25 THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL REQUIREMENTS, FEDERAL LAW CHANGES, STATE



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1 LAW CHANGES THAT WOULD ADD TO OUR LIABILITY. AND I THOUGHT
2 THAT MISS CUMMINS, DIANE CUMMINS, WHEN SHE WAS HERE, AT THE
3 BLUMENFIELD HEARING, THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE HEARING, MADE IT
4 CLEAR THAT THEY WERE GOING TO INCLUDE SOME OF THAT KIND OF
5 LANGUAGE, AND I BELIEVE SHE'S MADE THAT CLEAR SUBSEQUENTLY TO
6 YOU AND TO OTHERS, AND IT DIDN'T SHOW UP IN THIS DRAFT. SO I
7 WAS A LITTLE BIT PUZZLED BY THAT. MAYBE IT WAS JUST AN
8 OVERSIGHT, BIT IT'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED.
9 THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IN TALKING TO DIANE, SHE'S TAKEN THE POSITION
12 THAT THEY DO HAVE LANGUAGE BUT OUR COUNTER IS THAT THE
13 LANGUAGE IS NOT SPECIFIC AND STRONG ENOUGH. IT STATES IN
14 SOMEWHAT OF MY OWN PERSONAL OPINION A ROUNDABOUT WAY WHERE IT
15 SAYS THAT -- IT REFERENCES MANDATES AND JUDICIAL FEDERAL WOULD
16 ONLY BE OPERATIVE TO THE EXTENT THE STATE PROVIDES FUNDING.
17 WHEN THAT ISSUE CAME UP YESTERDAY, WE SAID ALL OF US HAVE BEEN
18 SUBJECT TO A SETTLEMENT THAT'S BEEN IMPOSED UPON US,
19 REGARDLESS OF RECEIVING FUNDING. WE'VE RECEIVED FEDERAL
20 MANDATES IN THE PAST THAT WE'RE FUNDING OUT OF OUR N.C.C. WE
21 HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDING, SO WE WANTED
22 SOMETHING VERY, VERY SPECIFIC, VERY -- THAT DIRECTLY ADDRESSES
23 THE FACT THAT SHOULD THERE BE A JUDICIAL FINDING, STATE
24 MANDATE OR FEDERAL MANDATE, WE WILL RECEIVE FUNDING. THEY
25 CAN'T EQUIVOCATE ON THAT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO SAY, I THINK THEY'VE COME A
3 LONG WAY ON THIS DRAFT. I THINK IT'S IN MANY WAYS RESPONSIVE
4 AND IT CERTAINLY GOES FARTHER THAN ANYTHING ANY OF US HAVE
5 EVER SEEN BEFORE IN THE WAY OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. BUT
6 WHAT THEY'RE PROPOSING TO IMPOSE ON US IS ALSO SOMEWHAT
7 UNPRECEDENTED SO THAT WE DO NEED TO WORK HAND IN HAND. I THINK
8 THERE STILL NEEDS TO BE SOME WORK DONE ON THESE ISSUES.

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND ON THAT NOTE, WE ARE GETTING STRONG
11 COOPERATION. DIANE HAS REACHED OUT TO US ON MANY OCCASIONS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I WANTED TO OFFER
16 THE POINT OF VIEW THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. THE BOARD VERY
17 CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF REALIGNMENT AND ANCILLARY
18 ISSUES. THEREFORE, FOR US TO MOVE THIS PIECE FORWARD WITH THE
19 UNDERSTANDING THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED TODAY PUTS US ON RECORD
20 IN AN IMPORTANT WAY. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A FLUID SET OF
21 CIRCUMSTANCES. THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAS BEEN WORKING RATHER
22 TIRELESSLY IN A SITUATION WHERE THERE'S A LOT OF UNCERTAINTY
23 AND A LACK OF CLARITY. I THINK THE BOARD AND THE C.E.O.'S
24 OFFICE ARE TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED, MR. MAYOR, FOR THE WORK THAT'S
25 BEEN DONE TO GET US TO THIS POINT. THUS, THE MOTION INTRODUCED



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1 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MYSELF JUST TO BASICALLY GET US ON
2 TRACK SO THAT OUR INTENTIONS, OUR UNDERSTANDING, OUR POINT OF
3 VIEW IS SET FORTH. DOES THIS END UP BEING THE LAST WORD WE
4 WILL HAVE ON THE MATTER? CLEARLY NOT. I THINK THE POINT RAISED
5 A MOMENT AGO BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ABOUT THE LEGAL
6 ANALYSIS THAT IS ONGOING BEING SHARED WITH THE ENTIRETY OF THE
7 BOARD IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, SO THAT THERE IS NO
8 MISUNDERSTANDING OR MISCOMMUNICATION. THE TIGHTER THE
9 COMMUNICATION, THE MORE LIKELY IT IS THAT WE WILL STAY IN
10 CONCERT AND MAXIMIZE THE EFFORT TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF
11 THE CORPORATE ENTITY THAT WE DESCRIBE AS THE COUNTY OF LOS
12 ANGELES. BUT MORE FUNDAMENTALLY THAN THAT, THE PEOPLE OF THE
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT WE'RE OBLIGED
14 TO ATTEND TO. AND SO WITH THAT, MR. MAYOR, I WOULD MOVE THE
15 ITEM WITH THE HOPE OF THE UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND, BUT I
18 WANT TO ASK QUESTIONS. LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. DO THE 58
19 COUNTIES HAVE THE ABILITY TO WITHHOLD PROPERTY TAXES FROM THE
20 STATE, OR DOES THE STATE HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE THOSE PROPERTY
21 TAXES AND TO OVERRULE A COUNTY'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE IT TO THE
22 STATE?

23

24 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** WITHOUT SOME AUTHORIZATION, EITHER
25 CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY, FOR WITHHOLDING THE PROPERTY TAX,



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1 IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY DON'T HAVE THAT INDEPENDENT
2 POWER AT THIS TIME.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND SO, MR. FUJIOKA, YOU'RE SAYING
5 THAT THIS HAS TO BE IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION?

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7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WAS OUR PREFERENCE.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I KNOW. NOT YOUR PREFERENCE.

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11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, THE ANSWER IS YES.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WITHOUT THAT GUARANTEE IN THE STATE
14 CONSTITUTION YOU WOULD OPPOSE THE REALIGNMENT?

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I DIDN'T SAY THAT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO, THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT I'M
19 SAYING, YOU WOULDN'T SAY THAT. SO THERE'S NO GUARANTEE TO THE
20 58 COUNTIES THAT WE WOULD HAVE REVENUES TO PAY FOR MANDATED
21 PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR BUT NOW HAVE A
22 RESPONSIBILITY, BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING TO CARRY OUT
23 THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES, SO THAT'S A FLAW.

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND CURRENT LANGUAGE IN THE DRAFT
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SPEAKS TO A PROCESS WHERE THE STATE
3 WILL PROVIDE US THAT MONEY. WHAT I MENTIONED IS THAT ALTHOUGH
4 IT DOES HAVE A PROVISION THAT STATES WE WILL GET THE MONEY, I
5 FELT WE SHOULD HAVE A STRONGER STATEMENT. THE STATEMENT THEY
6 HAVE NOW, YOU HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS WHO ARE SAYING IT'S
7 SUFFICIENT. I THINK TO ABSOLUTELY SAFEGUARD OUR OWN BUDGET AND
8 OUR FINANCES WITH THAT, WE NEED SOMETHING STRONGER.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE CURRENT LANGUAGE THAT STATES
11 THE STATE HAS TO REIMBURSE COUNTIES FOR PROGRAMS THEY ARE
12 MANDATING. BUT YET IT'S HALF A BILLION DOLLARS THEY OWE US
13 TODAY AND WAS \$150 MILLION THEY OWE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
14 FOR MANDATED PROGRAMS THEY HAVE FAILED TO PROVIDE
15 REIMBURSEMENT FOR. SO WHAT GUARANTEE IS JUST A STATUTE TO THE
16 COUNTIES THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE REIMBURSED IF WE TAKE ON THIS
17 RESPONSIBILITY?

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN. THAT'S WHY WHEN I
20 STATED EARLIER THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT DOESN'T SPEAK
21 TO TIMING, TO A LARGE EXTENT, WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO IS NOT
22 A SITUATION WHERE THEY HAVE NOT REIMBURSED US, BUT WHERE THE
23 TIMING OF THAT REIMBURSEMENT HAS BEEN EXTREMELY SLOW. AND FOR
24 PROGRAMS OF THIS MAGNITUDE, WE CAN'T AFFORD FOR ANY FOR DELAYS
25 IN RECEIVING OUR REIMBURSEMENT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT WHEN A PERSON CALLS 9-1-1, THE
3 OFFICER ON THE OTHER LINE DOES NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO SAY THE
4 FUNDING FROM THE STATE IS SLOW SO WE CAN'T RESPOND NOW, BUT
5 HOPEFULLY WITHIN A YEAR OR TWO WE CAN. AND THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
6 ARE THERE ANY PROJECTIONS FOR SPENDING ON THESE PROGRAMS
7 BEYOND THE SIXTH YEAR? DO YOU HAVE PROJECTIONS ON SPENDING?

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9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WITH RESPECT TO WORKLOAD? WHAT IT WILL COST?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MM-HM.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE STATE HAS GIVEN US ESTIMATES, ESPECIALLY
14 FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS THAT AT THIS JUNCTURE WE HAVE
15 TO RELY ON BECAUSE WE DO NOT CURRENTLY PROVIDE THAT SERVICE.
16 THEY'VE ALSO PROVIDED PROJECTIONS ON REVENUE GROWTH TO SUPPORT
17 THE HIGHER WORKLOAD. THOSE ARE JUST ESTIMATES RIGHT NOW. WE
18 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE STATE TO FINALIZE THOSE NUMBERS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT ARE YOUR ESTIMATES OF THOSE COSTS
21 FOR THE SIXTH YEAR?

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IN TERMS OF INCREASED WORKLOAD? FOR THE COSTS?

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YEAH.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AGAIN, BECAUSE OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS,
3 WE HAVE NOT -- WE DO NOT PROVIDE THAT PARTICULAR SERVICE. AND
4 TO DETERMINE TO THE EXTENT, ESPECIALLY WITH THESE RECENT
5 CHANGES WHERE THEY'VE ELIMINATED SOME OF THE CRIMES FROM THE
6 DEFINITION OF WHAT INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE SENT TO US FOR THAT
7 LOW-END OFFENDER PROGRAM. AND ALSO THEY HAVE REDEFINED THE
8 CATEGORIES FOR ADULT PAROLE. WE'RE WORKING RIGHT NOW ON
9 LOOKING AT AND FINDING NOT ONLY OUR ESTIMATES BUT WORKING WITH
10 THE STATE ON LOOKING AT THEIR ESTIMATES. THAT INFORMATION CAME
11 TO US, THE REVISED PROPOSAL CAME TO US LAST FRIDAY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS CONSTITUTIONAL REALIGNMENT
14 GUARANTEE AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL SCHOOL FINANCING PROVISION
15 CREATES A \$10 BILLION INCREASE IN ANNUAL SPENDING MANDATE THAT
16 WILL AFFECT ADDITIONAL TAXES. SO YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE IN THE
17 SIXTH YEAR, THE SCHOOLS NEEDING \$10 BILLION MORE AND THEN
18 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE 58 COUNTIES AND THE NUMBER OF CITIES
19 IN THIS STATE ALSO VYING FOR PROGRAMS THAT ARE NOW SHIFTED TO
20 THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE DOLLARS. SO WHAT YOU HAVE HERE,
21 YOU DON'T HAVE THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION. YOU HAVE A TEMPORARY
22 TAX FOR FIVE YEARS' SOLUTION TO MAINTAIN SERVICES. BUT THESE
23 ARE SERVICES THAT THE STATE TRADITIONALLY WAS DOING, SHIFTING
24 DOWN TO THE LOCAL LEVEL AND TAKING FEDERAL MANDATES TO THE
25 STATE AND SHIFTING THOSE DOWN TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND GIVING



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1 US THAT RESPONSIBILITY WITHOUT A GUARANTEE FUNDING PER SE BUT
2 WITHOUT THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES AT THE STATE LEVEL THAT HELPED
3 CREATE THIS \$26 BILLION DEFICIT. SO WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS, IT'S
4 AS IF A PERSON IS HEMORRHAGING, AND ALL THEY DO TO HELP THAT
5 PERSON GET BETTER IS GIVE HIM BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS WHEN THEY
6 NEED TO STOP THE BLEEDING. AND THIS IS JUST ANOTHER
7 TRANSFUSION. AND YOU LOOK THROUGH THE HISTORY OF THIS DEFICIT,
8 IT'S BEEN TRANSFUSION AFTER TRANSFUSION AND NOT STRUCTURAL
9 REFORMS, STRUCTURAL CHANGES AND MAKING A BETTER DELIVERY OF
10 SERVICES, MORE COST EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENTLY. WHAT I FOUND IS
11 INTERESTING IN THE GOVERNOR'S LATEST PROPOSAL HE'S NOW GOING
12 TO GIVE LESS MONEY FOR COUNSELING RAPE VICTIMS IN THIS
13 REALIGNMENT. LESS MONEY FOR COUNSELING RAPE VICTIMS, LESS
14 MONEY FOR ASSESSING THE POTENTIAL INMATES TO BE SEXUALLY
15 VIOLENT OFFENDERS, LESS MONEY FOR TRAINING LOCAL LAW
16 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THEN TURNING OUR COUNTY JAILS INTO
17 STATE PENITENTIARIES BY HAVING INMATES SERVING MORE THAN THREE
18 YEARS IN COUNTY JAIL. BEFORE THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT TWO YEARS
19 OR LESS AND NOW THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT THREE YEARS OR MORE. AND
20 AGAIN, THIS IS A PANDORA'S BOX, AND FOR EVERYBODY TO JUMP ON
21 THIS GREAT IDEA, AND IN MY OPINION, IT'S VERY SHORTSIGHTED,
22 UNLESS YOU HAVE FIRM REFORMS TAKING PLACE AT THE STATE AND
23 FIRM GUARANTEES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITIES
24 TO DO WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO AND BE CREATIVE IF THERE ARE
25 CERTAIN MANDATES THAT ARE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE THAT CAN BE



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1 MODIFIED OR ELIMINATED. WE NEED TO NOT JUMP ON THIS BANDWAGON,
2 BUT TO STEP BACK BECAUSE WE HAVE A \$26 BILLION DEFICIT THAT
3 WILL ONLY GET WORSE. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE, WHAT IS THE
4 GOVERNOR DOING FOR STRUCTURAL REFORMS, STRUCTURAL CHANGES
5 BEFORE I WOULD JOIN A REALIGNMENT BANDWAGON. THOSE WOULD BE MY
6 CONCERNS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I TAKE A DIFFERENT POSITION THAN ALL OF MY
9 COLLEAGUES HERE. I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS ON -- IS IT ON? OKAY.
10 IT'S INTERESTING, WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE TO THE COUNTY BOARD
11 OF SUPERVISORS, A YEAR LATER, WE WERE IN A TREMENDOUS DEFICIT,
12 AND WE WERE ASKING TO BUILD A PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR UNIONS
13 BECAUSE WE REALLY WEREN'T GOING TO BE ABLE, NOT ONLY TO
14 PRODUCE ANY INCREASES IN WAGES, BUT WE ALSO NEEDED TO CREATE
15 SOME KIND OF MECHANISM SO WE WOULDN'T HAVE A LARGE LAYOFF OF
16 EMPLOYEES. AND WE ASKED FOR A COOPERATIVE KIND OF
17 RELATIONSHIP. THE UNIONS REFUSED AT THAT TIME. AND I COULDN'T
18 UNDERSTAND AT THAT POINT IN TIME WHY THEY COULDN'T UNDERSTAND
19 THAT WE WERE IN THE SAME BOAT. THAT IF WE FAILED AS A COUNTY,
20 THEN WE WERE FAILING EMPLOYEES AND WE WERE FAILING ALL OF THE
21 RESIDENTS. AND THAT'S SORT OF THE WAY I FEEL RIGHT NOW IS THAT
22 FOR WHATEVER REASON, IT SEEMS AS THOUGH UNLESS WE GET IT ALL,
23 WE ARE NOT GOING TO PLAY THIS GAME. AND I THINK THAT THAT'S A
24 MISTAKE THAT WE ARE MAKING. WE CLAIM TO BE THE LARGEST COUNTY
25 AND HAVE A MAJOR LEADERSHIP ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY. BUT WITH



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1 THAT IS ALSO A DUTY. AND I THINK A DUTY IS TO REALLY PROVIDE A
2 PATHWAY AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO BE A PARTNER IN RESOLVING THE
3 STATEWIDE PROBLEM. YOU KNOW, RIGHT NOW, THIS DRAFT IS EXACTLY
4 THAT. IT IS A DRAFT. I DON'T KNOW THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY
5 THAT I AM GOING TO SIGN ON, GUARANTEE OR ELSE, BECAUSE I DON'T
6 THINK THAT THAT'S GOING TO BE PROVIDED. I ALSO KNOW IT'S A
7 ONE-WAY STREET. THEY CAN DO IT WITH US OR WITHOUT US. I WOULD
8 RATHER THAT THEY DO IT WITH US. I THINK THAT WE SHOULD
9 PARTICIPATE AS AGGRESSIVELY AND ASSERTIVELY AS WE CAN IN
10 DEVELOPING THE FINAL LANGUAGE AND ALL ASPECTS OF IT. I DON'T
11 THINK THAT JUST THIS -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE, THESE
12 GUARANTEES THAT WE WANT APPLIED IS SORT OF MISLEADING OR ELSE
13 WE WON'T SUPPORT IT. OR ELSE WHAT? OR ELSE WE'LL TAKE LARGER
14 AMOUNTS OF CUTS. WE KNOW THAT IF WE DON'T PASS THESE
15 CONTINUATION OF TAXES, THE CUTS THAT L.A. COUNTY IS GOING TO
16 HAVE TO FACE ARE MONUMENTAL AND WE CAN'T AFFORD FOR THAT TO
17 HAPPEN. SO IT'S SILLY FOR US TO BE DRAWING THE LINE AND TRYING
18 TO SAY "OR ELSE," BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF
19 STANDING UP TO THE LEGISLATURE AT THIS POINT. I WOULD RATHER
20 THAT WE DRAW A LINE AND SAY, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE
21 SOLUTION IN FINDING THOSE WAYS TO MAKE THIS DRAFT MORE
22 PALATABLE TO US, TO FIND A WAY THAT WE CAN BUILD A
23 PARTNERSHIP. BECAUSE, AT THE END OF THE DAY, I DOUBT THAT THEY
24 CAN PROVIDE THE GUARANTEES, PARTICULARLY FOR THE SIXTH YEAR.
25 IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH ENOUGH TO GET THIS PAST VOTERS TODAY.



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1 BUT IF WE DON'T GET IT PAST VOTERS, THEN WHAT WE WILL HAVE IS
2 THAT THIS COUNTY WILL BE FACING NOT ONLY CUTS IN SERVICES TO
3 ALL THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, BUT MAJOR LAYOFFS, WHICH WE
4 HAVE NOT HAD. NOW, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW, I WATCH THE
5 LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR MAKE UNBELIEVABLE DECISIONS IN
6 THE LAST 10 TO 15 YEARS. THE WAY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PASSING
7 OUT I GUESS ALL THE GOODIES TO ALL OF THE VARIOUS SPECIAL
8 INTERESTS, AND I'M NOT GOING TO SAY JUST LABOR BECAUSE THERE'S
9 A LOT OF SPECIAL INTERESTS, BUSINESS AND OTHERWISE, THAT HAVE
10 ALSO BENEFITED FROM THE LARGESS OF THE STATE AND NOW WE ARE
11 PAYING THE PRICE. I AM VERY CONCERNED, MORE SO ABOUT ONCE WE
12 GET OUR HOUSE IN ORDER, HOW CAN I STOP THE LEGISLATURE FROM
13 CONTINUING TO GO ON THAT KIND OF DRUNK THAT THEY'VE BEEN ON
14 FOR A WHILE. I REMEMBER WHEN I WORKED FOR A BANKRUPTCY
15 ATTORNEY, WE USED TO GET A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT CAME IN AND WENT
16 BANKRUPT AND IT WAS A FAIRLY, I GUESS, EASY PROCESS, AND THEN
17 A COUPLE OF HOURS AFTER THEY WERE BANKRUPT, WE WOULD GET A
18 PHONE CALL FROM A RETAIL COMPANY ASKING FOR APPROVAL OF CREDIT
19 AND WANTED TO KNOW IF IT WAS TRUE THAT THIS PERSON HAD GONE
20 BANKRUPT. AND I ASKED MY BOSS, "WHY WOULD A COMPANY OR RETAIL
21 STORE WANT TO GIVE CREDIT TO SOMEBODY WHO HAS JUST GONE
22 BANKRUPT?" AND HE SAYS, "BECAUSE THERE'S A GUARANTEE THAT HE
23 CAN'T GO BANKRUPT AGAIN FOR ANOTHER SEVEN YEARS." SO IT WAS A
24 VERY INTERESTING CYCLE, AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO
25 PROTECT OURSELVES FROM IS THAT IF WE PARTICIPATE IN THE



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1 DRAFTING OF THIS AND IN THIS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE, WE
2 SHOULD INSTEAD GET THE KIND OF GUARANTEES THAT ARE NOT GOING
3 TO ISSUE MORE DEBT THAT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY, MORE MANDATES
4 THAT WE CAN'T TOLERATE, EXPANSION OF SERVICES THAT THEY AREN'T
5 WILLING TO PAY FOR. BUT INSTEAD, WE ARE LOOKING FOR GUARANTEES
6 THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY ISN'T A REAL PARTNERSHIP. I DON'T
7 THINK WE SHOULD BE ASKING FOR THESE GUARANTEES RIGHT NOW. I
8 THINK INSTEAD WE SHOULD BE EMBRACING THE DRAFT THAT HAS BEEN
9 PRESENTED TO US AND SAY WE ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE
10 GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO MAKE IT MORE ACCEPTABLE TO
11 BOTH THE STATE AND TO OURSELVES. BUT BY TAKING THIS KIND OF
12 HARD LINE POSITION, PARTICULARLY ONE YOU CAN'T STAND UP AND BE
13 FIRM ABOUT I THINK IS PHONY, DISINGENUOUS AND DOESN'T MAKE
14 SENSE. LET'S BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. PART OF THE SOLUTION
15 SAYS LET'S EMBRACE THIS, LET'S START WORKING FOR THE KIND OF
16 REFORMS THAT WE NEED. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IT BEFORE. IT ISN'T
17 ALL CONTAINED IN HERE. THERE'S ALSO KINDS OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS
18 AND MANDATES THAT WE SHOULD WORK ON RIGHT NOW THAT WE NEED
19 RELIEF FROM, THAT AREN'T AUTOMATIC, THINGS THAT WE'D LIKE TO
20 SEE DONE BUT I THINK WE NEED TO WORK ON A COMPLETE AND TOTAL
21 PACKAGE. THIS APPROACH I THINK IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR A COUNTY
22 AS LARGE AS US, FOR THE LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE HAVE
23 IN THIS STATE. AND REALLY, IF I WERE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS
24 BATTLE AS I WAS WAY BACK IN 1993 WITH THE UNIONS, I WOULDN'T
25 UNDERSTAND WHY L.A. COUNTY WOULD NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN



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1 TRYING TO FIND A WAY AND A MECHANISM TO GET THIS
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PASSED, TO FIND REALIGNMENT IN A WAY
3 THAT CAN'T POSSIBLY PROVIDE ALL THE GUARANTEES THAT IT NEEDS,
4 BUT TO FIND IT SO IT'S PALATABLE ENOUGH SO THAT WE CAN MOVE
5 FORWARD. BECAUSE IF THIS DOESN'T PASS, THEN WE KNOW IN
6 SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, WE'RE GOING TO BE NOT ONLY SLASHING THIS
7 BUDGET OF UNBELIEVABLE SERVICES, BUT WE ARE GOING TO BE LAYING
8 OFF HUNDREDS OF EMPLOYEES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO WE HAVE A
9 DUTY AND A RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADERSHIP IN THE LARGEST COUNTY
10 IN CALIFORNIA. I THINK WE SHOULD HONOR THAT ROLE AND THAT
11 RESPONSIBILITY. AND I WOULD MOVE THAT WE ACCEPT THE DRAFT AS A
12 WORKING DOCUMENT, THAT WE BEGIN THE PROCESS OF WORKING IN
13 CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO REFINE THAT DRAFT,
14 NOT ABSOLUTE GUARANTEES, BUT IN ORDER THAT WE CAN COLLECTIVELY
15 CONTINUE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY AND
16 CALIFORNIA, THAT WE PROVIDE SERVICES. I THINK HE'S
17 ACCOMMODATING US A GREAT DEAL BY THE KIND OF CHANGES HE'S
18 ALREADY ACCEPTED BY SOME OF THE CRITICISM THAT WAS RAISED BY
19 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE SHERIFF
20 AND MANY, MANY OTHERS IN THE WHOLE AREA OF PUBLIC SAFETY. WE
21 NEED TO WORK ON THIS EVERY SINGLE DAY TO MAKE IT BETTER AND
22 STRONGER. BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE NEED TO EMBRACE
23 THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. OTHERWISE, WE ARE GOING TO BE
24 SITTING IN A LONG LINE MAKING TOUGH DECISIONS OF WHAT SERVICES



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1 AND WHOSE JOB WE'RE GOING TO CUT OUT. LET'S PLAY THE
2 LEADERSHIP ROLE THAT WE'VE BEEN ELECTED TO PLAY OUT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, IF I COULD JUST COMMENT. I DON'T THINK
5 OUR MOTION THAT -- (SCATTERED APPLAUSE)

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER]

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T THINK OUR MOTION SAYS "OR ELSE." I THINK
10 "OR ELSE" IS DOWN THE ROAD. OUR MOTION IS TO SORT OF WRAP OUR
11 ARMS AROUND THIS TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION TO MOVE FORWARD. I
12 THINK WE WOULD BE NAIVE IF WE DIDN'T RAISE CERTAIN ISSUES AS
13 IT RELATES TO GUARANTEES, WHETHER WE ULTIMATELY GET THAT OR
14 NOT. I THINK WE NEED TO PUT ALL THAT ON THE TABLE AND TO BE
15 PART OF A VERY AGGRESSIVE DISCUSSION. NOT SAYING THAT IF
16 THAT'S -- WE DON'T GET THAT THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO PLAY. BUT
17 I THINK WE NEED TO PLAY AS HARD AS WE CAN PLAY AND THEN AT
18 LEAST PUT THAT OUT THERE AND THEN LET THEM COUNTER OR LET'S
19 WORK TOGETHER ON LANGUAGE THAT MAY GET US AS CLOSE AS WE CAN
20 POSSIBLY GET. I AGREE THAT WE SHOULD BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.
21 AND I DON'T THINK THAT WE NEED TO SAY "OR ELSE" AND STOP IT
22 TODAY. THAT'S CERTAINLY NOT MY POINT, I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE
23 PURPOSE OF THIS. AS IT RELATES TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
24 COMMENT ABOUT REALIGNMENT VERSUS STRUCTURAL, I THINK
25 REALIGNMENT IS STRUCTURAL. THAT WOULD BE VERY SIGNIFICANT



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1 STRUCTURAL CHANGES. HOW THAT ALL PLAYS OUT, THAT WOULD BE
2 PROBABLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN STATE
3 GOVERNMENT THAT THIS STATE HAS EVER SEEN IF REALIGNMENT IN
4 SOME WAY, SHAPE, OR FORM, A TRUE REALIGNMENT AND WORKING
5 TOGETHER WITH ALL 58 COUNTIES COMES TO THE FORE. SO I GUESS
6 I'LL GUESS I'LL REFER TO MARK, OR DEFER TO MARK, BUT I DON'T
7 THINK OUR MOTION SAYS EITHER/OR. I THINK OUR MOTION SAYS THIS
8 IS IMPORTANT TO US, THIS IS WHAT WE WANT TO PUT ON THE TABLE,
9 THIS IS WHAT WE CAN AGREE ON. BUT WE NEED TO BE AT THE TABLE.
10 I TOTALLY AGREE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WE NEED TO BE AT THE TABLE
11 AND PART OF THE SOLUTION AND NOT JUST A NAY SAYER SAYING NO,
12 NO, NO. AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF OUR MOTION.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT IS PRECISELY THE PURPOSE OF THE MOTION.
15 IT DOES NOT PRECLUDE FURTHER CONVERSATIONS, FURTHER IDEAS THAT
16 WOULD BE CONSTRUED AS CONSTRUCTIVE ON THE PART OF THE
17 GOVERNOR. EACH OF US HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH THE
18 GOVERNOR EITHER THROUGH HIS SENIOR STAFF OR DIRECTLY. AND I
19 BELIEVE THERE'S A SENSE ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNOR THAT WE
20 ARE ACTING AS CONSTRUCTIVELY AND CERTAINLY IN GOOD FAITH TO
21 MAKE SURE THAT THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ARE
22 PROTECTED IN THE SHORT TERM AND IN THE LONG TERM. I THINK THE
23 GOVERNOR APPRECIATES THE ROLE THIS BOARD PLAYS IN POLICY
24 MAKING FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND
25 WANTS TO BE COLLABORATIVE WITH US. I KNOW THAT AS A RESULT OF



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1 MY OWN CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM DIRECTLY. NO ONE IN THIS
2 BUSINESS EXPECTS EVERYONE TO AGREE AT ALL TIMES IN AN
3 IMMEDIATE WAY. IT IS THE ESSENCE OF DEMOCRACY, IT IS THE
4 ESSENCE OF PUBLIC DEBATE OUT OF WHICH A CONSENSUS ARISES. AND
5 SO I THINK THE SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS THAT THIS BOARD, MR.
6 MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, HAVE HAD OVER THE PAST SIX-PLUS WEEKS
7 TRYING TO HAMMER OUT THE LEGALITIES, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE
8 POLITICAL DYNAMICS, TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH
9 OF GOVERNMENT, THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT. LET'S BE
10 CLEAR, WE HAD A HEARING HERE THAT WE PARTICIPATED IN,
11 EXPRESSING OUR CONCERNS IN THE MOST PUBLIC WAY POSSIBLE, AND
12 IT WAS A GOOD HEARING. WE HAD A FULL RANGE OF LEGISLATORS
13 HERE, BOTH FROM THE SENATE AND THE ASSEMBLY, REPRESENTING L.A.
14 COUNTY AND BEYOND. SO I THINK TO DISTILL OUR VIEWS, AND THE
15 LANGUAGE HERE IS RATHER EXPLICIT, I'LL READ IT FOR THE RECORD.
16 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS CONSISTENTLY
17 ARTICULATED ITS COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH THE GOVERNOR AND
18 THE LEGISLATURE IN DEVELOPING SOLUTIONS FOR THE RESTRUCTURING
19 OF THE STATE-COUNTY RELATIONSHIP. IN CONSIDERING THE
20 GOVERNOR'S GOAL TO APPROVE THE REALIGNMENT FRAMEWORK BY MARCH
21 7, THIS IS CRITICAL, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, AS I STATED
22 EARLIER. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOCUS
23 ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE ON THE
24 CONTENT OF THE STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. IT IS NO
25 QUESTION IN ANYBODY'S MIND HERE THAT SUCH WILL BE BINDING. I



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1 SHARE THE VIEWS THAT WE OUGHT TO MAKE IT AS FAVORABLE TO OUR
2 SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES AS POSSIBLE, AND I THINK IT IS IN THAT
3 SPIRIT THAT THE MOTION IS BEFORE US. MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES,
4 I WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR AYE VOTE OF THE KNABE
5 RIDLEY-THOMAS MOTION.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I AGREE WITH WHAT DON KNABE SAID AND WHAT
10 MARK SAID A MINUTE AGO. WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD THESE CONCESSIONS
11 IF WE HAD EMBRACED THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL THAT THE GOVERNOR
12 MADE. IF WE HAD JUST PLAYED BALL WITH THE GOVERNOR IN JANUARY
13 WHEN HE RELEASED HIS PROPOSAL. WE STOOD FOR A SET OF
14 PRINCIPLES THAT ARE NOT DIFFERENT THAN WHAT'S BEFORE US TODAY.
15 THIS HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY OUR CONSISTENT POSITION FROM DAY ONE
16 AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS MOTION,
17 AND WE MADE OURSELVES HEARD, VERY CLEARLY HEARD. THE DISTRICT
18 ATTORNEY OF THIS COUNTY MADE HIMSELF HEARD. AND THAT'S AMONG
19 THE REASONS WHY THERE'S BEEN A RESPONSE FROM THE BROWN
20 ADMINISTRATION ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES. AND I GIVE THEM
21 CREDIT, THEY'VE LISTENED. THEY HAVEN'T JUST PLAYED IT OUT.
22 THEY'VE LISTENED, THEY'VE INTERNALIZED THE ARGUMENTS AND THEY
23 HAVE MADE SOME CHANGES AFTER WHAT THEY'VE HEARD. I THINK THEY
24 NEED TO HEAR SOME MORE ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT THEY
25 THEMSELVES HAVE COMMITTED TO THAT ARE NOT COMMITTED TO IN THIS



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1 LANGUAGE. AND WE JUST GOT THE LANGUAGE, I GOT IT LAST NIGHT. I
2 HONESTLY CAN'T MAKE HEADS OR TAILS OUT OF SOME OF THE LANGUAGE
3 BECAUSE IT'S LEGAL GOBBELDY GOOK. SECTION 18.25 REFERENCING
4 SECTION 17.A.C., YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE ENTIRE STATE CODE IN
5 FRONT OF YOU TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IT SAYS. BUT THE PART
6 THAT IS NOT GOBBELDY GOOK AND THE REMAINING PARTS THAT ARE
7 BEING ANALYZED BY THE STAFF, WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS
8 IS. BUT THE STUFF THAT I DO UNDERSTAND IS AT VARIANCE WITH
9 WHAT DIANE CUMMINS HERSELF SAT AT THAT TABLE THREE WEEKS AGO
10 AND TESTIFIED TO, THAT THEY WOULD GIVE US AN UNPRECEDENTED
11 AIRTIGHT GUARANTEE. AND THE REASON WE WANT THE GUARANTEE, AN
12 UNPRECEDENTED GUARANTEE IS BECAUSE THEY PROMISED IT, THEY'VE
13 ASSURED US THAT WE AREN'T GOING TO BE LEFT HOLDING THE BAG,
14 AND THEY WERE PREPARED TO PUT THEIR MONEY WHERE THEIR MOUTH
15 WAS THROUGH THE WHOLE REALIGNMENT CONFIGURATION AND SCHEME.
16 AND ALL WE'RE TRYING TO DO I THINK IS HOLD THEM TO THEIR
17 COMMITMENT, AND MY BET IS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO COME OUR WAY
18 ON THIS. THERE'S NO REASON WHY THEY SHOULDN'T. THIS IS THEIR
19 DRAFT. THIS IS AS FAR AS I KNOW, FIRST DRAFT THAT THEY'VE PUT
20 OUT. AND THEY HAVE INVITED, THE GOVERNOR INVITED ME AND
21 SEVERAL OTHERS TO COMMENT ON THIS AND OTHER, THE PROPOSAL THEY
22 MADE ON FRIDAY EVENING. THEY'RE SEEKING OUR INPUT. AND I THINK
23 OUR INPUT SHOULD BE JUST THAT, HONEST INPUT. IT'S NOT A TAKE
24 IT OR LEAVE IT INPUT. IT'S, YOU WANTED OUR INPUT, HERE ARE THE
25 FLAWS WE SEE IN YOUR PROPOSAL. AND MAYBE THEY'LL COME OUR WAY



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1 ON IT. AND MY BET IS IF THEY WERE BEING GENUINE ABOUT IT WHEN
2 THEY WERE HERE AT THE BLUMENFELD HEARING, THEN I THINK THEY
3 WILL WORK WITH US TO CRAFT LANGUAGE, MODIFY, AND TWEAK WHAT
4 THEY HAVE PUT FORWARD. BUT THIS DOCUMENT DID NOT COME OUT THE
5 WAY IT DID BY ACCIDENT. IT CAME OUT BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN A
6 LOT OF PEOPLE UP AND DOWN THIS STATE WHO DID NOT EMBRACE THEIR
7 ORIGINAL PROPOSAL, WHICH THEY FELT WAS A GREAT PROPOSAL.
8 THEY'VE HEARD US, THEY'VE INVITE US TO BE HEARD AGAIN AND THIS
9 IS A WORK IN PROGRESS, AS CLEARLY WE KNOW. SINCE THIS MOTION
10 WAS POSTED, THERE HAVE BEEN TWO MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS OUT OF
11 SACRAMENTO. AND THERE WILL BE MORE. SO THIS IS A WORK IN
12 PROGRESS AND I THINK WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MR. MAYOR, JUST A REAL QUICK COMMENT. I
15 MENTIONED WE RECEIVED THE GOVERNOR'S REVISED REALIGNMENT
16 PROPOSAL LAST FRIDAY. THAT PROPOSAL INCORPORATES A LOT OF
17 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE AS A COUNTY HAVE DEVELOPED. THE
18 CONTRACT BACK RECOMMENDATION CAME FROM THIS COUNTY. IT DIDN'T
19 COME FROM ANY OTHER COUNTY. THE STRENGTH OF OUR D.A. STANDING
20 WITH THE OTHER D.A.S SAYING THAT THEY NEED TO REDEFINE WHAT
21 CONSTITUTES A LOW-END OFFENDER AND HOW WE CONSISTENTLY CARRIED
22 THAT MESSAGE RESULTED IN THE REVISION OF THAT DEFINITION AND
23 THE EXCLUSION OF 22 ADDITIONAL CRIMES. LOOKING AT WHO WOULD BE
24 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FELONY, VERY VIOLENT SEXUAL OFFENDERS ON
25 THE PAROLE BASIS ALSO CAME FROM THIS COUNTY, IT CAME FROM OUR



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1 SHERIFF BUT ALSO WAS ADVOCATED STRONGLY BY OUR OFFICE. BUT AS
2 WE WERE WORKING WITH THE STATE AND HAVE HAD MANY CONVERSATIONS
3 WITH THE STATE, BOTH IN PERSON AND ALSO ON THE PHONE, WE'VE
4 CONSISTENTLY TOLD THEM THAT WE WANT TO TRY TO FIND A WAY TO
5 MAKE THIS WORK. BUT WE ALSO NEED TO STRIKE THAT BALANCE. AND
6 EVEN THOUGH WE WANT TO MAKE THIS WORK, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IT
7 WORKS IN THE MANNER THAT PROTECTS OUR LOCAL RESOURCES AND OUR
8 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. BUT WE HAVE TRIED TO MAKE THIS WORK,
9 AND I'M PERSONALLY PROUD TO SEE THAT THEY'VE INCORPORATED A
10 NUMBER OF OUR CHANGES THAT WE'VE ADVOCATED FOR THE LAST MONTH
11 AND A HALF. THANK YOU.

12
13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, MAKING SPENDING COMMITMENTS ON
14 ONE-TIME REVENUES WITHOUT THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES IS ONLY
15 KICKING THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD. THE STATE HAS NOT RESTRUCTURED
16 AS THE COUNTY HAD. THIS COUNTY HAS SAVED HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS
17 OF DOLLARS BY CONSOLIDATING AND ELIMINATING AGENCIES. THIS
18 COUNTY HAS SAVED OVER \$3 BILLION IN WORKING WITH OUR LABOR
19 ORGANIZATIONS AND OUR PUBLIC MEMBERS ON THE PRODUCTIVITY
20 COMMISSION. OVER \$3.6 BILLION WE HAVE SAVED. WE'VE BEEN DOING
21 THIS. WE HAVE SAVED HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WITH OUR
22 ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION. WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS AND
23 THE STATE HAS NOT. AND BY OPPOSING THIS REALIGNMENT PROPOSAL
24 AS PROPOSED IS NOT EXCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN TRYING TO HAVE
25 ONE THAT WOULD MEET ALL OF THE NEEDS AND OBLIGATIONS. BUT



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1 AGAIN, JUST ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY, OUR COUNTY JAILS ARE NOT TO
2 BE EXTENSIONS OF THE STATE PENITENTIARY. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
3 ADDING THOUSANDS OF MORE INMATES WHO ARE GOING TO SERVE MORE
4 THAN THREE YEARS FROM THE STATE PENITENTIARY AMONG OUR 18,000-
5 PLUS THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE. RIGHT THERE, THERE'S A FATAL
6 FLAW. SO THOSE -- I JUST DON'T HAVE ANY -- WHEN YOU HAVE
7 GOVERNORS ACROSS -- GOVERNOR CUOMO HAS PROVIDED LEADERSHIP IN
8 NEW YORK ON RESTRUCTURING AND DOWNSIZING THE STATE WITHOUT
9 IMPACTING THE LOCALS. OTHER GOVERNORS ARE DOING THE SAME.
10 WE'RE THE ONLY ONES KEEPING THE STATUS QUO FOR ANOTHER FIVE
11 YEARS. THE STATUS QUO IS WHAT GAVE US A \$26 BILLION DEFICIT.
12 THAT DEFICIT IS LARGER THAN MANY OF OUR EUROPEAN, ASIAN
13 NATIONS' TOTAL BUDGET RUNNING THEIR THE COUNTRIES. SO CALL THE
14 ROLL.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WOULD YOU ACCEPT AS A
21 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ON THIS TO SUPPORT IN CONCEPT THE
22 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED? BECAUSE WE
23 HAVEN'T DONE THAT YET.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, I THINK THE ITEM BEFORE US GIVES US
2 THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT IN A CLEAR WAY. THIS IS IN NO WAY
3 AN ATTEMPT TO UNDERCUT THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. IT IS TO
4 BASICALLY REFINE IT IN A WAY THAT IS MORE ADMIRABLE OR MORE
5 FAVORABLE I SHOULD SAY.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU'RE SAYING "NO."

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO. I'M SAYING TO YOU IN EFFECT THAT
10 THAT'S ALREADY IMPLICIT HERE.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN WE INCLUDE IT IN THERE?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I HAVE NO DIFFICULTY WITH THAT, MS.
15 MOLINA. AND SINCE BOTH OF US HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE
16 LEGISLATURE, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WHEN AN AMENDMENT IS
17 OFFERED, THE MAKER OF THE AMENDMENT IS OBLIGED TO SUPPORT THE
18 MAIN MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I AGREE.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT I'M JUST SAYING, WOULD IT INCLUDE IN HERE
25 WHEN YOU'RE ASKING TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE BROWN



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1 ADMINISTRATION AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PURSUE
2 CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS, INSTEAD COULD WE PURSUE
3 CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL
4 AMENDMENT TO INCREASE -- TO CONTINUE THE REVENUE, BECAUSE
5 WE'RE NOT DOING THAT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ORIGINALLY, YOU MADE THE POINT OF IN
8 CONCEPT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M WILLING, IN CONCEPT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S ALL YOU'RE DOING. BECAUSE
15 UNDER YOURS, IT SAYS PROSE THAT PROVIDES A GUARANTEE OF THE
16 FOLLOWING, EVEN THOUGH IN YOUR ORATORY, IT'S IN CONCEPT.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IN CONCEPT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT WOULD HAVE TO BE CONCEPT BECAUSE
21 YOU WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT THE FINAL PRODUCT IS.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT. AND IF THAT MOVES US FORWARD, MR.
24 KNABE, I THINK I'M COMFORTABLE WITH THAT.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST MAKE A -- I DON'T HAVE A COPY OF
2 THE MOTION IN FRONT OF ME, UNFORTUNATELY. BUT IF YOU'RE GOING
3 TO GO THAT ROUTE, THEN I WOULD SAY PROVIDED THAT FOLLOWING,
4 AND THEN THE FOUR, I THINK IT WAS FOUR POINTS, IF YOU'RE GOING
5 TO PROVE IT IN CONCEPT PROVIDED THAT THESE FOUR ITEMS ARE
6 INCORPORATED.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND I DON'T THINK THAT MATERIALLY ALTERS
9 THE AMENDMENT. IT MAY CLARIFY IT SO THAT THERE IS A GREATER
10 DEGREE OF CONSENSUS, BUT I THINK WE'RE FINE AT THAT POINT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT WOULD INCLUDE IT IN THE LAST SENTENCE. IN THE
13 LAST PART WHERE IT SAYS --

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW WHERE WHERE YOUR LANGUAGE, AND
16 WHAT LANGUAGE IS AND WHERE YOU PROPOSE TO INSERT IT.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S FROM THE AGENDA. ON HERE IT SAYS --

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS YOUR LANGUAGE AND WHERE DO YOU
21 PROPOSE TO INSERT IT?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT HERE. INSTRUCT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
24 TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE BROWN ADMINISTRATION AND THE
25 STATE LEGISLATURE TO PURSUE CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS WITHIN



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1 THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AS PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNOR, IN
2 CONCEPT, THEY SAID, RELATING THE STATE BUDGET REALIGNMENT
3 PROPOSAL.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT GOING TO FAULT YOU FOR THIS. YOU'RE
6 TRYING TO DO THIS ON THE FLY AND THAT'S NOT FAIR TO YOU. WHAT
7 I WOULD SUGGEST IS THAT MAYBE WE HOLD THIS ON THE DESK, GO TO
8 SOME OTHER ITEMS AND SEE IF YOU CAN WORK OUT THE LANGUAGE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, BECAUSE HOW YOU SAY THAT I THINK WOULD BE
11 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH CONCEPTUALLY,
12 BECAUSE WHAT WE'RE DOING IS TAKING THAT DOCUMENT AS WELL AS
13 OTHER CONVERSATIONS WE'VE HAD, AS WELL AS OTHER
14 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REALIGNMENT THAT WE'VE HAD IN CONCEPT, AND
15 NEGOTIATING OFF THAT POSITION. SO, I MEAN, IF YOU SAY IN
16 CONCEPT, BEGINNING WITH IN CONCEPT, THE CONSTITUTIONAL
17 AMENDMENT AS PROPOSED AND THEN WE GO THROUGH THE OTHER THINGS.
18 YOU HAVE TO PROTECT THE ABILITY TO CHANGE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T BE
19 IMPLICIT IN SUPPORTING ANYTHING AT THIS POINT. YOU HAVE TO SAY
20 IN CONCEPT, AND THAT'S A DOCUMENT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT. I THINK IT HAS A
23 PATHWAY TO GO.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD SUGGEST THAT -- [OVERLAPPING VOICES
2]

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** WE CAN HAVE OUR STAFFS WORK ON SOME LANGUAGE.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WOULD HOPE THAT WE ARE ESSENTIALLY
7 SEEKING TO CLARIFY THAT WHICH WE HAVE RATHER THAN GETTING INTO
8 EXTENSIVE EDITS THAT LEAD TO ANOTHER SET OF ISSUES.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. MAYOR, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, I'M FINE WITH
11 THE LANGUAGE AS IT IS NOW. BUT THERE'S A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE
12 IT. I DON'T KNOW HOW IT'S GOING TO BE CHANGED, I DON'T THINK
13 ANY OF US DO, AND WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS ARE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I'M FINE WITH IT AS WELL TOO. I THINK THE
16 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AS PROPOSED IS IMPLICIT WITHIN THIS
17 MOTION.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN CONCEPT WHERE? I'M LOOKING AT THE MOTION.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT ABOVE WHERE IT SAYS MARCH 1, 2011,
22 JUST PUT IT RIGHT THERE. IT'S FINE WITH ME.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I'M SAYING I THINK THE CONSTITUTIONAL
25 AMENDMENT AS PROPOSED IS PART OF THIS MOTION IS BECAUSE THAT'S



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1 THE WHOLE -- ITEM A IS THE GUARANTEE OF REVENUE. I MEAN,
2 BECAUSE IT SAYS TO PURSUE CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS. THAT
3 INCLUDES THE DOCUMENT THAT'S PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNOR OR
4 LEGISLATURE OR WHOEVER IT IS. AND THAT'S OUR NEGOTIATING
5 POSITION. WE'RE NOT CREATING OUR OWN.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW IS THIS? TO PURSUE CONSTITUTIONAL
8 PROTECTIONS AS PROPOSED IN CONCEPT IN THE -- I WOULDN'T SAY
9 THAT. WE OUGHT TO JUST WORK --

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO. KEEP GOING. PROPOSED --

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, BECAUSE IT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU. IT'S NOT ALL
18 RIGHT WITH ME.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** WOULD YOU ACCEPT THIS, MR. CHAIRMAN?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THIS WAS FINE THE WAY IT WAS,
23 FRANKLY.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPERVISOR, WOULD YOU EMBRACE THE PROPOSAL TO ADD
3 THE SENTENCE: EMBRACE THE LATEST DRAFT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL
4 AMENDMENT AND CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNOR?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WON'T SUPPORT THAT.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU WON'T SUPPORT THAT. YOU WON'T SUPPORT THAT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE WE DON'T EMBRACE THAT. TO EMBRACE
11 THAT IS NOT WHAT THIS SAYS.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW. THAT'S A GUARANTEE. IT'S NOT IN CONCEPT.
14 THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO ARGUE INITIALLY.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE PROPOSED REALIGNMENT AMENDMENT
17 DOES NOT HAVE THESE GUARANTEES THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
18 INCLUDED IN IT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M NOT SAYING ELIMINATED, I SAID I WOULD ADD IT.
21 TO EMBRACE A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AS DRAFTED AND CONTINUE
22 OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNOR. I JUST THINK, AGAIN,
23 THAT'S MY POINT. MY POINT IS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PLAY A
24 CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE WITH THE GOVERNOR. I DON'T THINK THAT THIS
25 IS OVER. I THINK WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT IT'S ALL SPELLED OUT IN THE PREAMBLE,
3 SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW, AND A PREAMBLE IS NOT, AS YOU KNOW, YOU
6 CAN ASK OUR LAWYER HERE, IT ISN'T SETTING FORTH THE
7 GUIDELINES.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M CLEAR ABOUT THAT.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF YOU DON'T WANT TO THEN JUST SAY SO, THAT'S
12 FINE WITH ME. MR. YAROSLAVSKY SAID HE'S NOT READY TO SUPPORT
13 THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I SAID I'M NOT PREPARED TO EMBRACE THE
16 DOCUMENT THAT THEY HAVE PUT OUT YESTERDAY.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK IT'S A GOOD BASELINE.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT THE MAKERS OF THE
21 MOTION WANT TO EMBRACE THE AMENDMENT THAT WAS PROPOSED
22 YESTERDAY BECAUSE IT'S AT VARIANCE WITH THIS.

23



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO WISH TO EMBRACE IT IN CONCEPT. WITH
2 THAT, I CALL FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION ON THE ENTIRE MATTER,
3 MR. CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET'S CALL THE ROLL AS SUBMITTED.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IS IT INCLUDED?

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO, IT'S NOT.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS NOT INCLUDED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HE JUST ASKED FOR THE ROLL TO BE CALLED
14 WITHOUT IT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. MOTION PASSES, 3-2.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAYOR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, IF I CAN
10 PROCEED TO 60-B, I THINK THERE ARE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE
11 HEARD ON THE ITEM.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE ARNOLD SACHS ON 60-B.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND I THINK THERE ARE REPRESENTATIVES FROM
16 THE CITY OF LYNWOOD. LET ME JUST SIMPLY QUICKLY SAY --

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU'VE GOT A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE
19 CITY OF LYNWOOD HERE?

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. THE CITY LYNWOOD IS UNDER A COURT
22 ORDER TO INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. ALL
23 OF US KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND IN
24 RESPONSE, THE CITY HAS ALREADY BEGUN EFFORTS TO PREPARE A
25 REDEVELOPMENT BOND WHEN THE GOVERNOR INITIATED HIS PROPOSAL TO



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1 END REDEVELOPMENT. THE LYNWOOD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE
2 CITY OF LYNWOOD REQUESTED THAT THE COUNTY ADOPT VARIOUS
3 AMENDMENTS TO THEIR REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, WHICH WAS INITIALLY
4 ADOPTED IN 1973. THE CITY IS UNABLE TO FIND THE COUNTY'S
5 CONSENT TO ANY OF THE AMENDMENTS WHICH ARE DESCRIBED IN THE
6 MOTION. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY APPEARS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE
7 AMENDMENT ON ITS REMITTANCE ADVICE SHOWING THE TAX INCREMENT
8 DUE TO THE CITY. COUNTY COUNSEL, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, AND
9 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER HAVE REVIEWED THIS PROPOSAL AND
10 HAVE CONFIRMED THAT IT IS FACTUALLY CORRECT AND HAVE NO
11 CONCERNS WITH PROCEEDING. THEREFORE THE COUNTY SHOULD ADOPT
12 THE MOTION TO RATIFY THE AMENDMENTS AS LYNWOOD'S REDEVELOPMENT
13 AGENCY IS PREPARING TO ISSUE BONDS IN THE VERY, VERY NEAR
14 TERM. THE BONDS WILL ASSIST IN FINANCING MUCH NEEDED
15 DEVELOPMENT AND LOW INCOME HOUSING IN THAT CITY. MEMBERS, I
16 JUST WANT TO SAY THAT PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS
17 FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF ANY GIVEN
18 COMMUNITY. THIS IS NOT A NEW ISSUE. THIS IS A PREEXISTENT
19 ISSUE AS STAFF WILL ATTEST. THIS HAS BEEN WELL VETTED AND I
20 WOULD CERTAINLY HOPE THAT THE CITY OF LYNWOOD COULD COUNT ON
21 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELPING THEM TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
22 THE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT PART OF EFFORTS TO BRING UP THE
23 QUALITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THAT MUNICIPALITY. WITH THAT,
24 MR. MAYOR, I WOULD ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE AND HEAR FROM THE
25 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITY.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. CITY OF LYNWOOD.

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4 **ROBERT TORRES:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIR AND HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS
5 AND COUNTY STAFF. MY NAME IS BOB TORRES, I'M THE ASSISTANT
6 CITY MANAGER WITH THE CITY OF LYNWOOD. AND I HAVE WITH ME OUR
7 REDEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SARA WITHERS. THANK YOU FOR THE
8 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU. AS SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
9 INDICATED, WE STARTED WORKING ON A REDEVELOPMENT BOND ISSUE
10 BACK IN SEPTEMBER, AND AS A RESULT OF OUR DUE DILIGENCE REVIEW
11 OF DOCUMENTS, UNFORTUNATELY IT WAS ONLY RECENTLY THAT WE
12 DISCOVERED THAT WE REQUIRE COUNTY CONSENT FOR PLAN AMENDMENTS
13 THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE FROM 1981 FORWARD. THE PURPOSE OF THESE
14 BONDS IS WE HAVE A PRETTY SEVERE TOXIC SOIL REMEDIATION NEEDS
15 IN THE CITY. WE HAVE AN URGENT AND COURT-ORDERED MANDATE TO
16 BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMMEDIATELY. OUR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS
17 OVER 20% AND HOLDING, IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE GOING DOWN. THE
18 PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED WILL CREATE JOBS DURING CONSTRUCTION AND
19 AFTER CONSTRUCTION. WE'RE CURRENTLY ON HOLD ON A 98-UNIT
20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT FOR LACK OF FUNDING, AND THESE
21 BONDS WILL HELP US GET UNDERWAY WITH CONSTRUCTION ON THAT
22 FUNDING. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO REITERATE THAT WE STARTED
23 WORKING ON THESE BONDS BACK IN SEPTEMBER. WE GOT COUNCIL
24 APPROVAL TO HIRE THE FINANCING TEAM, WE GOT COUNCIL
25 AUTHORIZATION TO WORK ON THE BONDS. AND WE'RE IN A SITUATION



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1 HERE WHERE WE WERE READY TO GO TO THE BOND MARKET BACK IN LATE
2 JANUARY, EARLY FEBRUARY, AND WHEN WE DISCOVERED WE NEEDED
3 CONSENT. SO WE'RE HERE REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS ADOPT THE RESOLUTION THAT'S REQUIRED TO PROVIDE
5 THAT CONSENT. ALSO, I WANT TO ASK SARA JUST TO -- SARA
6 WITHERS, OUR REDEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, TO SPEAK BRIEFLY ABOUT
7 OUR NEEDS.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD YOU JUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF? I DIDN'T
10 CATCH YOUR NAME OR YOUR TITLE.

11

12 **ROBERT TORRES:** YES, SIR. MY NAME IS BOB TORRES, AND I'M THE
13 ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF LYNWOOD. AND SARA
14 WITHERS IS OUR REDEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SARA WITHERS:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU. I DO HAVE A PREPARED
17 STATEMENT BECAUSE WE HAVE THREE MINUTES.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PULL YOUR MICROPHONE DOWN.

20

21 **SARA WITHERS:** SARA MAGANA WITHERS, AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF
22 REDEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF LYNWOOD. THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA
23 TODAY IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE CLARIFICATION IN WHICH THE CITY AND
24 COUNTY HAS BEEN OPERATING UNDER SINCE 1981. WE RESPECTFULLY
25 REQUEST YOUR CONSIDERATION WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY ALLOW US THE



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO ISSUE BONDS THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON SINCE
2 SEPTEMBER OF 2010. THE BOND PROCEEDS WILL REMEDIATE THE
3 ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE WHICH EXISTS IN OUR CITY AND CREATE
4 MUCH NEEDED AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF ACRES OF
5 CONTAMINATED PROPERTIES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE HIGH CANCER AND
6 AUTISM RATE IN OUR CITY. THERE ARE AREAS IN OUR CITY WHERE
7 PEOPLE ARE LIVING ON TOP OF SITES WHICH HAVE A ONE IN A
8 THOUSAND CANCER RISK. PRIVATE INDUSTRY ABANDONED THESE SITES
9 AND THESE BONDS ARE OUR ONLY HOPE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.
10 WE HAVE STARTED THE ASSESSMENT AND HOPE TO BEGIN THE CLEAN UP
11 EARLY NEXT YEAR. ONCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL RISK IS ELIMINATED, IT
12 WILL MAKE WAY FOR THOUSANDS OF NEW JOBS AND A NEWFOUND REVENUE
13 FOR THE COUNTY. THROUGH RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP, WE HAVE BEEN
14 ABLE TO STRETCH OUR DOLLARS, LIVE WITHIN OUR MEANS, AND CREATE
15 THOUSANDS OF JOBS, PROVIDE NECESSARY QUALITY OF LIFE SERVICES,
16 EXCEED OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS AND RESIDENTIAL
17 REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. CITY-FUNDED SAFETY PROGRAMS HAVE
18 RESULTED IN A 30-YEAR RECORD LOW IN CRIME. FOR A PERIOD OF 20
19 YEARS, WE EXPERIENCED 20 MURDERS A YEAR. SINCE 2008, WE HAVE
20 HAD A RECORD LOW AVERAGE OF THREE MURDERS. IN 2010, WE WERE
21 ONE OF 10 NATIONWIDE CITIES WHO RECEIVED THE ALL AMERICA CITY
22 AWARD FOR OUR CRIME REDUCTION AND QUALITY OF LIFE PROGRAMS. IT
23 HAS BEEN A COOPERATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SUPERVISOR
24 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S OFFICE. WITHOUT HIS HANDS-ON SUPPORT,
25 THIS REMARKABLE CHANGES WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. OUR CITY HAS



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1 BEEN ABLE TO FUND ALL OF THIS WITH LESS THAN \$3 MILLION A YEAR
2 IN REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS. THE TOTAL REVENUE IS LESS THAN \$6
3 MILLION A YEAR, WITH -- TO SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, ET
4 CETERA. OUR CITIZENS HAVE ALSO VOTED FOR LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE
5 MEASURES SUCH AS THE 9% UTILITY USER TAX TO FUND CITY
6 OPERATIONS. IF REDEVELOPMENT IS ELIMINATED, OUR CITY WILL NOT
7 BECOME AN ASSET TO THE COUNTY, BUT A LIABILITY. THE COUNTY
8 WILL BE FORCED TO TAKE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL NIGHTMARE IN OUR
9 CITY, HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND WE'LL BE FACED WITH A
10 CHALLENGE OF MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER. OUR CITY IS LEAN AND
11 EFFICIENT AND HAS OPERATED WITHIN A BALANCED BUDGET. PLEASE
12 ALLOW OUR CITY TO CONTINUE TO MAKE HUGE CHANGES WITH WHAT WILL
13 BE POCKET CHANGE FOR THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SACHS.

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17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS.
18 UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNOR'S ACTIONS IN HIS
19 DISCUSSION REGARDING BALANCING THE BUDGET AND HIS MOVE TO
20 DISSOLVE THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND LATER ON FINDING OUT
21 THAT THE CITY OF L.A. IS SITTING ON \$930 MILLION, ANY TIME AN
22 ITEM REGARDING ANY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY COMES UP, IT LEAVES
23 REASON TO QUESTION WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON IN THAT PARTICULAR
24 COMMUNITY. BECAUSE UP UNTIL THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN, I CAN
25 GUARANTEE THAT NOBODY -- WELL, NOT NOBODY. EXCEPT FOR MAYBE



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1 ONE OR TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, NOBODY ELSE IN THIS MEETING
2 ROOM RIGHT NOW WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THE CITY OF L.A. HAD \$930
3 MILLION IN REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS, AND THE JOBS THAT WOULD HAVE
4 BEEN CREATED IF THEY DECIDED THEY WANTED TO USE IT. SO MY
5 QUESTIONS ARE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN. WE HEARD, YOU MENTIONED 1981
6 AS A YEAR THAT THE PROGRAM WAS INITIATED WHERE YOU NEEDED TO
7 GET THE COUNTY'S AUTHORITY TO PUT TOGETHER THIS BOND SALE. AND
8 I'M JUST WONDERING IF YOU HAD TALKED TO THE COUNTY PRIOR TO
9 THIS LAUNCH WINDOW OF YOUR BOND SALE AND WHY NOBODY WOULD HAVE
10 TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT REQUIREMENT BEFORE THAT. AND AGAIN, I'D
11 LIKE TO KNOW BASICALLY AS FAR AS REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS, HOW MUCH
12 DOES THE CITY GET ON A YEARLY BASIS? BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW
13 ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. AND THERE WAS SOME STORIES IN THE
14 NEWSPAPER REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS BEING USED FOR OTHER
15 COSTS THAN ACTUAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. AND WHEN YOU SAY LOW
16 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, DOES THAT INCLUDE ANY PERCENTAGE OF LOW
17 INCOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING? THOSE ARE SOME OF MY QUESTIONS.
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR?

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I ASK A QUESTION?

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OH, YES.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT COURT ORDER ARE YOU UNDER?

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3 **ROBERT TORRES:** SEVERAL YEARS AGO WE WERE THE SUBJECT OF A
4 LAWSUIT. IT'S KNOWN LOCALLY AS THE LOGELLE SETTLEMENT. AS A
5 RESULT OF THAT LAWSUIT, THERE WERE NO FINDINGS, HOWEVER, WE
6 WERE UNDER COURT MANDATE BASICALLY TO BUILD AFFORDABLE
7 HOUSING. SO OUR REQUIREMENT --

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WERE YOU NOT BUILDING IT BEFORE?

10

11 **ROBERT TORRES:** SUPERVISOR, WE WERE TRYING TO ACCUMULATE ENOUGH
12 SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO BUILD THESE HOUSING UNITS. HOWEVER, THE
13 FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT THE CITY SHOULD HAVE TAKEN ACTION
14 TO SPEND IT BEFORE --

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** SORRY?

17

18 **ROBERT TORRES:** THE CITY SHOULD HAVE TAKEN ACTION TO SPEND ITS
19 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE PAST AND THEY DID NOT. SO WHAT WE'RE
20 DOING NOW IS PLAYING CATCH UP.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW MUCH HAVE YOU BONDED FOR BEFORE UNDER YOUR
23 REDEVELOPMENT?

24



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1 **ROBERT TORRES:** WE CURRENTLY HAVE ABOUT \$10 MILLION OF
2 OUTSTANDING BONDS, BUT THEY GO BACK TO THE LATE 1970S.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT DID YOU BUILD WITH IT?

5

6 **ROBERT TORRES:** WE BUILT A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN
7 THE CITY, INCLUDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SARA CAN GO INTO THE
8 DETAILS ON WHAT WAS SPENT ON THAT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT OBVIOUSLY YOU'RE UNDER A COURT ORDER TO BUILD
11 AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOW MANY UNITS WERE YOU SUPPOSED TO BUILD
12 FOR THAT 10 MILLION IN BOND INDEBTEDNESS?

13

14 **ROBERT TORRES:** WELL, THE 10 MILLION WAS SPENT LONG AGO.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT WHEN YOU BORROW MONEY
17 UNDER REDEVELOPMENT LAW, YOU HAVE A CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITY OF
18 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IT'S STATE LAW. WHAT PART OF IT DID YOU
19 NOT BUILD?

20

21 **ROBERT TORRES:** I'M GOING TO LET OUR REDEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR --

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** IN 1970S, IN 1970, THERE WAS NO SET-ASIDE
24 REQUIRED. THE LEGISLATION CHANGED, I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT YEAR,



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1 WHERE YOU HAD TO DO THE 20%. SO IT'S THE NEWER PIECE THAT
2 YOU'RE TRYING TO PLAY CATCH-UP WITH.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW. THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THE QUESTION.

5

6 **SARA WITHERS:** THE COURT ORDER ACTUALLY CAME AS A HOUSING
7 ADVOCATE. IT WAS A LAWSUIT AND ACTUALLY IT WAS IN A PROJECT
8 THAT WAS OUTSIDE OF OUR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA. BUT AS A
9 PART OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, PRIOR TO OUR TENURE WITH THE
10 CITY OF LYNWOOD, IT WAS REQUIRED THAT 91 UNITS WOULD BE BUILT.
11 AND THAT IS THE COURT ORDER, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE DONE NUMEROUS
12 PROJECTS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, THE WIND PROJECT AND OTHER
13 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FIRMS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO HOW MANY AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS HAVE YOU
16 DEVELOPED?

17

18 **SARA WITHERS:** WE HAVE PROBABLY DONE APPROXIMATELY 300 AS OF
19 NOW.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'VE DONE 300 AND YOU STILL HAVE A COURT ORDER
22 FOR 91 MORE?

23

24 **SARA WITHERS:** YES, AND THE REASON WHY IS IT'S PART OF A
25 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. PLUS THE ATTORNEYS, WE ALSO SETTLED --



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE. I'M SURE THIS -- THIS DOESN'T MAKE
3 SENSE TO ME. IF YOU HAVE A COURT ORDER TO BUILD 91 AFFORDABLE
4 HOUSING UNITS AND YOU'VE BUILT 300, HOW DOES THE COURT ORDER
5 GO AWAY?

6

7 **SARA WITHERS:** ONCE WE BUILT THE 91 UNITS --

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT YOU'VE ALREADY BUILT 300.

10

11 **SARA WITHERS:** NO, NOT YET. EXACTLY. BUT THAT IS NOT TIED IN,
12 BECAUSE THIS WAS NOT PART OF THE STATE SUING US. THIS WAS A
13 HOUSING ADVOCATE, PRIVATE INDEPENDENT ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING A
14 GROUP OF PEOPLE, OF INDIVIDUALS, AND AS PART OF A SETTLEMENT
15 AGREEMENT, OUR ATTORNEYS AGREED WITH THE INDIVIDUALS THAT
16 BROUGHT THIS FORWARD, THEY AGREED UPON 91 UNITS PLUS \$600,000
17 THAT THEY WOULD BE AWARDED IN ATTORNEYS' FEES BUT NOW THAT
18 THEY HAVE ACTUALLY -- THEY HAVE DONE AN APPEAL OF THE
19 ATTORNEYS' FEES AND THEY'RE SUING US FOR \$3.2 MILLION. THESE
20 ARE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS THAT ARE HOUSING ADVOCATES REPRESENTING
21 CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS. BUT THIS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH H.C.D.,
22 WITH THE STATE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. BUT WE ARE REQUIRED TO
23 PRODUCE THOSE 91 UNITS, OF WHICH, YOU KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO
24 BUILD 99, BECAUSE IT'S THE HIGHEST AND BEST USE FOR THAT AREA.



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1 AND WE HAVE DONE A VERY GOOD JOB IN REGARDS TO BUILDING
2 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR CITY.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. MR. CHAIRMAN?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS I JUST WANTED
7 TO ASK. THIS CAME TO OUR ATTENTION ON LATE FRIDAY, SO ALL
8 WE'VE HAD WAS REALLY IS YESTERDAY TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S
9 GOING ON. THE HISTORY OF THIS, THIS GOES BACK TO 1988, MAYBE
10 EVEN EARLIER THAN THAT. THE COUNTY -- THIS IS NOT JUST A
11 TECHNICAL ISSUE TODAY. THE COUNTY DID NOT SUPPORT THE INCREASE
12 OF THE CAP, IF THAT'S THE PROPER TERMINOLOGY, REDEVELOPMENT
13 CAP TO \$200 MILLION BACK IN 1988 WHEN THE COUNTY WAS ASKED TO.
14 IT ACTUALLY PASSED A RESOLUTION OPPOSING IT. AND SO IT'S BEEN
15 THE COUNTY'S POSITION LONG BEFORE ANY OF US EXCEPT FOR MR.
16 ANTONOVICH WERE HERE THAT THE COUNTY WAS OPPOSED TO THAT. NOW
17 YOU'VE COME UP, I GUESS BECAUSE YOUR BOND COUNSEL OR WHOEVER
18 IS SAYING YOU CAN'T SELL THESE BONDS UNLESS YOU GET THIS
19 CLARIFICATION QUOTE, UNQUOTE CLARIFICATION FROM THE COUNTY.
20 WHAT THIS REALLY WOULD ENTAIL IS A REVERSAL OF THE COUNTY'S
21 POSITION OF 20 OR MORE YEARS THAT HAS OPPOSED THIS CAP
22 INCREASE. I GUESS MY QUESTION TO YOU IS, HOW MANY -- HOW MUCH
23 -- WHAT'S THE VALUE OF THE BONDS -- HOW MANY -- HOW MUCH BONDS
24 ARE YOU GOING TO SELL THIS WEEK OR NEXT WEEK? WHAT IS IT, 30
25 MILLION? 20 MILLION? HOW MUCH?



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2 **ROBERT TORRES:** WELL OUR GOAL, SUPERVISOR, OUR GOAL IS TO ISSUE
3 \$30 MILLION OF BONDS. THAT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 22 MILLION OF
4 NON-HOUSING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT RELATED BONDS AND ABOUT 8
5 MILLION IN HOUSING BONDS. BUT TO GET BACK TO YOUR STATEMENT
6 ABOUT THE RESOLUTION --

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE TO DO THAT, I
9 JUST WANT TO, BEFORE I LOSE MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT, WHICH IS VERY
10 COMMON THESE DAYS, SO IT'S \$30 MILLION TOTAL.

11

12 **ROBERT TORRES:** YES, SIR.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 22 MILLION IS FOR NON-HOUSING RELATED PUBLIC
15 IMPROVEMENTS. CAN YOU SPECIFY WHAT THOSE ARE? I DON'T MEAN
16 EVERY NICKEL AND DIME, BUT JUST KIND OF CATEGORICALLY.

17

18 **ROBERT TORRES:** WELL, THE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO TAKE CARE OF
19 THAT SOIL CONTAMINATION PROBLEM THAT OUR REDEVELOPMENT
20 DIRECTOR JUST SPOKE ABOUT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO OF THE \$22 MILLION, HOW MUCH IS GOING TO
23 BE USED TO REMEDIATE THE SOIL CONTAMINATION PROBLEM?

24



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1 **SARA WITHERS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE HAVE ESTIMATES
2 CURRENTLY OF OVER \$50 MILLION PRELIMINARY. AND THAT'S ONLY ON
3 ABOUT 30 ACRES. WE ARE COUNTING ON BEING ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE
4 RESPONSIBLE PARTIES WHICH WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ONE OF
5 THE 15-ACRE SITES THAT'S IN QUESTION. AND THERE IS A COURT
6 ORDER THAT THEY ARE TO CLEAN UP. THEIR PLUME IS VERY LARGE. IT
7 HAS --

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GET THAT. SO 15 MILLION IS GOING TOWARD,
10 OUT OF THIS BOND ISSUE, IS GOING TOWARDS REMEDIATION OF THE
11 SOIL CONDITIONS. WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO GET THE OTHER 35
12 MILLION?

13

14 **SARA WITHERS:** BASICALLY THE 22 MILLION WILL BE SEED MONEY IN
15 ORDER TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES AND TO
16 START THE CLEAN-UP AND GET IT INTO A POSITION WHERE WE CONTAIN
17 THE CONTAMINATION AND IT DOESN'T CONTINUE TO --

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE 22 MILLION IS NOT GOING TO GO TO
20 CLEANING UP, IT'S GOING TO GO TO IDENTIFYING WHO'S
21 RESPONSIBLE?

22

23 **SARA WITHERS:** NO. IT IS GOING TO BE FOR CLEAN UP AND ALSO TO
24 IDENTIFY THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES AS WELL.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT YOU SAID THAT THE TOTAL COST OF
2 REMEDIATION WAS ROUGHLY \$50 MILLION.

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4 **SARA WITHERS:** EXACTLY, TO START.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE ISSUING FOR 30 MILLION, OF WHICH 22
7 MILLION ARE NON-HOUSING RELATED PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS. AND OF
8 THAT 22 MILLION, 15 YOU SAID WAS GOING TO GO TOWARDS
9 REMEDIATION. WHERE IS THE OTHER 35 GOING TO COME FROM?

10

11 **ROBERT TORRES:** WE'RE HOPING TO GET THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO PAY
12 FOR THE SOIL REMEDIATION. IN ADDITION TO WHATEVER WE INCUR IN
13 SOIL REMEDIATION COSTS, THIS IS A TYPICAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT,
14 IT'S A BLIGHTED AREA, IT CONSISTS OF OLD, DILAPIDATED
15 MANUFACTURERS. I MEAN, THAT'S PART OF THE PROBLEM, THESE
16 MANUFACTURERS WERE DUMPING TOXIC WASTE INTO THE SOIL. IT'S A
17 HEAVILY BLIGHTED AREA. AND WHAT WE PLAN TO DO, IS IN ADDITION
18 TO -- WE'RE NOT GOING TO SPEND ALL THIS BOND MONEY ON SOIL
19 REMEDIATION. WE'RE GOING TO FORCE THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO
20 REMEDIATE THE SOIL, AND THERE ARE LEGAL MEANS AVAILABLE TO US.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO HOW MUCH OF THE 22 MILLION ARE YOU GOING
23 TO SPEND ON REMEDIATION?

24



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1 **ROBERT TORRES:** I WOULD SAY WE NEED TO SET ASIDE PROBABLY 3 TO
2 5 MILLION AT LEAST, BUT THE REST IS GOING TO BE FOR LAND
3 ACQUISITION AND ASSEMBLAGE, RELOCATION COSTS, AND THE
4 TRADITIONAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS THAT GO WITH ANY KIND OF
5 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS, STREET
6 RECONSTRUCTION, TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'S NOT 15 MILLION THAT YOU'RE GOING TO
9 USE OF THE 22. [OVERLAPPING VOICES]

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT TRYING TO NAIL YOU. I'M JUST TRYING
12 TO UNDERSTAND HOW THIS MONEY IS BEING SPENT. AND NOW I REALIZE
13 I HAVE TWO DIFFERENT STORIES HERE. ONE IS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO
14 USE 15 MILLION AND NOW IT'S 3 TO 5 MILLION. ALL I WANT TO DO
15 IS KNOW WHAT IT IS. BECAUSE HERE'S MY QUESTION. THIS ACTION IS
16 -- I'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE. JUST MAKE A MENTAL NOTE WHAT YOU
17 WANT TO RESPOND TO, I'M HAPPY TO LET YOU DO THAT, BUT MY
18 BOTTOM LINE QUESTION IS, YOU'RE SELLING \$30 MILLION IN BONDS.
19 THIS ACTION IS THE COUNTY, IF WE WERE TO APPROVE THIS, WOULD
20 ENDORSE AN INCREASE IN THE CAP FROM 20 MILLION TO 200 MILLION.
21 AND I WANT TO BE VERY CANDID WITH YOU, I'VE BEEN CONSISTENT
22 ABOUT THIS ON REDEVELOPMENT STUFF AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN HERE,
23 AND ESPECIALLY THIS LAST TWO MONTHS. THIS LOOKS TO ME LIKE
24 YOU'RE RUSHING TO GET THIS DONE BEFORE THE STATE LEGISLATURE
25 ACTS ON THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL ON REDEVELOPMENT. YOU'RE NOT



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1 THE ONLY ONES DOING THIS. VIRTUALLY EVERY CITY IN THE STATE,
2 IF THEY HAVE ANY MONEY IN THEIR REDEVELOPMENT PLANS, THEY'RE
3 TRYING TO PROTECT THEIR MONEY. THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO
4 ME. EVEN IF THAT'S THE CASE, IF YOU HAVE A LEGITIMATE PROJECT,
5 THAT WOULDN'T BOTHER ME. IF YOU HAVE A LEGITIMATE PROJECT THAT
6 JUST HAPPENS TO BE COMING UP AT THE SAME TIME, YOU'D BE STUPID
7 NOT TO TRY TO PROTECT THAT IF THIS WAS YOUR PLAN. BUT I DON'T
8 UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE ASKING US TO ENDORSE A CAP OF UP TO 200
9 MILLION SINCE WE NEVER -- I SAY "WE," OUR PREDECESSORS, NEVER
10 ENDORSED IT. IN FACT, OPPOSED IT. AND YOU'RE ASKING US TO GO
11 FROM 20 TO 200 WHEN YOU ONLY NEED 30. AND I'D LIKE YOU TO
12 ANSWER THAT.

13

14 **ROBERT TORRES:** WELL SUPERVISOR, WE'VE ALREADY EXCEEDED THE \$20
15 MILLION CAP. THAT HAPPENED A LONG TIME AGO.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, AND THAT MAY BE ONE OF THE REASONS
18 YOUR COUNSEL IS TELLING YOU --

19

20 **ROBERT TORRES:** I JUST HAVE TO SAY THAT IN OUR RESEARCH OF OUR
21 FILES -- AND OUR DOCUMENTS ARE A MESS BECAUSE OF THE COURT
22 CASE THE D.A. CAME IN AND TOOK A LOT OF DOCUMENTS. HOWEVER,
23 WE'VE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANY RESOLUTION AT ALL WITH REGARD
24 TO THE \$200 MILLION CAP, SO THAT'S KIND OF NEWS TO ME. I HAVE
25 FOUND SOME CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COUNTY WHERE THEY SAID,



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1 "HEY, LET'S GET TOGETHER AND LET'S NEGOTIATE AND TALK ABOUT
2 THIS." AT THE SAME TIME, ALL THE COUNTY DOCUMENTS THAT WE
3 RECEIVED, THE COUNTY REMITTANCES, THE STATEMENTS WE RECEIVED
4 WHEN WE RECEIVED OUR PROPERTY TAX FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR-
5 CONTROLLER, ALL SHOW THE HIGHER CAP. IN FACT, THEY SHOW A CAP
6 OF \$316 MILLION. SO IT'S PRETTY CLEAR THAT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE
7 WAY THE COUNTY, IN FACT, DID CONSENT TO THIS. AND
8 UNFORTUNATELY IN OUR 1991 PLAN AMENDMENT, OUR ATTORNEYS AT THE
9 TIME, AND NEITHER ONE OF US WERE THERE WAY BACK THEN, OUR
10 ATTORNEYS WROTE IN A REQUIREMENT THAT THE 91 AMENDMENT AND ALL
11 SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS REQUIRE COUNTY APPROVAL.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

14

15 **ROBERT TORRES:** I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT'S VERY UNUSUAL. I'VE BEEN
16 TOLD BY YOUR COUNTY COUNSEL THAT MOST AGENCIES DON'T HAVE THAT
17 REQUIREMENT AND IN MOST CASES THE COUNTY SIMPLY ACCEPTS
18 WHATEVER THE AGENCY'S PLAN AMENDMENTS ARE. SO WE FIND
19 OURSELVES IN A SITUATION WHERE I UNDERSTAND IT APPEARS LIKE
20 WE'RE RUSHING TO MARKET. AND THE FACT OF THE IMPACT IS, WE'RE
21 RUSHING TO BEAT THE GOVERNOR BECAUSE HE'S GOT THIS VERY
22 ONEROUS PROPOSAL. BUT THE FACT IS ALSO WE STARTED WORKING ON
23 THIS BOND ISSUE BACK IN SEPTEMBER. AND WE WERE READY TO GO TO
24 MARKET WHEN OUR ATTORNEYS DISCOVERED THIS. AND I APOLOGIZE
25 THAT WE HAD TO DUMP THIS ON YOU AT THE LAST MINUTE, BUT WE ARE



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1 HERE SEEKING YOUR HELP. AND AGAIN, WHAT WE HAVE TO POINT TO IS
2 THAT A LOT OF THE COUNTY DOCUMENTS REFLECT THAT.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY THE 200 MILLION? WHY LIFTING THE CAP TO
5 200 MILLION INSTEAD OF 30 MILLION OR 40 MILLION?

6

7 **ROBERT TORRES:** THE 200 MILLION IS WHAT THE PLAN AMENDMENT
8 CALLED FOR BACK IN THE 1980S AND '90S. HOWEVER, AS I
9 MENTIONED, THE \$20 MILLION CAP HAS SINCE BEEN EXCEEDED. I
10 THINK WE'RE WAY BEYOND THAT ALREADY. AND WITHOUT --

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL HOW DID YOU DO THAT WITHOUT COUNTY
13 APPROVAL?

14

15 **ROBERT TORRES:** WELL THE COUNTY, AGAIN, I BELIEVE ACCEPTED
16 THOSE PLAN AMENDMENTS. THE COUNTY WAS NOT AWARE THAT IN THE
17 LYNWOOD AGENCY DOCUMENTS, THERE WAS A REQUIREMENT FOR COUNTY
18 APPROVAL. I CAN'T SPEAK TO WHAT HAPPENED WITH REGARD TO WHO
19 WAS THERE IN 1991 AND WHY THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW UP ON IT. THEY
20 SHOULD HAVE. THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLEANED UP A LONG TIME AGO.

21

22 **SARA WITHERS:** MAY I MAKE A CLARIFICATION, SUPERVISOR?

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SURE.

25



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1 **SARA WITHERS:** JUST TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION WHY YOU MENTIONED
2 ABOUT THE 15. I SAID 15 ACRES. IT WASN'T 15 MILLION. AND WE
3 HAVE FOUND TWO RESPONSIBLE PARTIES WITH VERY DEEP POCKETS THAT
4 WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 15-ACRE SITE. AND THERE IS A COURT
5 ORDER ON THAT PROPERTY.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

8

9 **SARA WITHERS:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE THE 1988 RESOLUTION.

12

13 **ROBERT TORRES:** I'D LIKE TO GET A COPY OF THAT. BUT AGAIN, I
14 MEAN WE'RE HERE BASICALLY PLEADING. WE NEED TO ISSUE THESE
15 BONDS. THIS IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE OUR LAST CHANCE TO ISSUE
16 BONDS, AND OUR CITY, IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN THROUGH IT, IT'S A
17 BLIGHTED COMMUNITY.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW YOUR CITY. HANG ON. I UNDERSTAND. I'M
20 NOT TRYING TO GET IN THE WAY OF THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT. I
21 UNDERSTAND THAT NOW. I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LIFTING OF
22 THE CAP TO WAY, WAY, WAY BEYOND SIX TIMES, TEN TIMES WHAT IT
23 WAS ORIGINALLY AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU'VE EXCEEDED IT, AND
24 SEVEN TIMES WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO -- MORE THAN WHAT YOU'RE



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1 GOING TO HAVE SPENT AFTER YOU EVEN DO THIS PROJECT. THAT'S MY
2 CONCERN. IT'S WHAT YOU DO BEYOND THIS ONE.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY THE
5 LANGUAGE OF THE MOTION SPECIFIES THAT ACTION HAVING BEEN TAKEN
6 IN 1988. I DON'T SEE ANYTHING NEW BEING RAISED HERE. IT'S
7 ESSENTIALLY TO CLARIFY THAT WHICH WAS ALREADY IN PLACE AND TO
8 MEMORIALIZE IT APPROPRIATELY AS HAS BEEN VETTED BY THE
9 ENTITIES THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER, COUNTY COUNSEL, AUDITOR-
10 CONTROLLER AS WELL AS THE C.E.O. WITH THAT AS AN ACCEPTABLE
11 CLARIFICATION, I HOPE, MIGHT BE MOVED FORWARD WITH THE ITEM AS
12 IT IS BEFORE US, MR. MAYOR?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION AND A SECOND. ANY OPPOSITION?
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA OPPOSING, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ABSTAINING,
16 SO ORDERED.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. WE'LL MOVE
19 FORWARD WITH ITEM 60-C, PER YOUR REQUEST.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE SOME PUBLIC IS HERE, A NUMBER
22 OF SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. IF WE COULD KEEP EACH TO, BECAUSE OF
23 THE NUMBER, TO ONE MINUTE. LET ME FIRST SAY THAT THIS IS A
24 PROJECT DEVIL'S GATE DAM SEDIMENT. PUBLIC WORKS WANTS TO
25 REMOVE 1.7 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF DIRT FROM BEHIND THE DAM AS



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1 REFERRED TO, HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK. MOST OF THE DIRT HAS
2 PILED UP BEHIND THAT AS A RESULT OF THE VARIOUS FIRES AND
3 WINTER STORMS THAT WE'VE HAD. THE EVACUATION IS 50 ACRES WITH
4 A FEW HUNDRED WILLOW TREES AND VEGETATION. HIKERS AND
5 HORSEBACK RIDERS HAVE USED THAT AREA BEHIND THE DAM AND
6 JOGGERS USE THE TRAIL AROUND IT. THE REMOVAL FROM THE DAM
7 WOULD BE TRUCKED TO A MANNING PIT IN IRWINDALE AND AZUSA LAND
8 RECLAMATION, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 300 TO 400 TRUCKLOADS A
9 DAY THAT ARE GOING TO BE IN A VERY SENSITIVE AREA BECAUSE IT'S
10 TALKING ABOUT J.P.L., WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LA CANADA HIGH
11 SCHOOL, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CRESTVIEW PREP AND HILLSIDE
12 SCHOOL, ALONG WITH LA CANADA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND THE
13 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS. SO THE PUBLIC WORKS, I WOULD LIKE
14 TO ASK FIRST, WHY WAS NOT A PUBLIC WORKS E.I.R. RECOMMENDED OR
15 AN INITIAL STUDY BEFORE THE DECISION WAS MADE?

16

17 **GAIL FARBER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. GAIL FARBER
18 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND MARK PESTRELLA, ASSISTANT
19 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. IN ANSWERING THE QUESTION REGARDING
20 THE APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT OR DOCUMENTATION,
21 I WOULD REFER TO COUNTY COUNSEL. WOULD THAT BE OKAY?

22

23 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** SURE, SURE. I THINK ORIGINALLY IT WAS
24 NOT BECAUSE THE THOUGHT WAS, AFTER ANALYZING IT, THAT IT WAS
25 WITHIN ONE OF THE EXEMPTIONS OF C.E.Q.A., WHICH IS A



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1 MAINTENANCE, SO THAT WAS THE ORIGINAL THOUGHT. NEVERTHELESS, I
2 THINK AFTER LOOKING AT ALL OF THE INFORMATION, IT CERTAINLY
3 COULD BE SEEN TO WARRANT AN INITIAL STUDY. AN INITIAL STUDY
4 WOULD ALLOW EITHER AN E.I.R. TO BE PRESENTED AT THAT TIME OR
5 TO FIND OUT THAT IT TRULY IS EXEMPT SO THAT THERE IS THAT
6 POSSIBILITY, BUT THE ORIGINAL PLAN AND ANALYSIS WAS THAT IT
7 WAS EXEMPT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOES PUBLIC WORKS BELIEVE THAT THIS,
10 THE PROJECT THAT I JUST MENTIONED WOULD IMPACT THE SURROUNDING
11 CITY AND COMMUNITIES AND ALONG WITH NOT JUST THE RESIDENTIAL
12 BUT THE J.P.L. AND THE OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE
13 LOCATED IN THAT AREA?

14

15 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH. MARK PESTRELLA,
16 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. ACTUALLY, THE TRUCKING
17 THAT IS CURRENTLY ENVISIONED WOULD NOT BE AFFECTING THE J.P.L.
18 FACILITIES. IT WOULD EXIT FROM THE DAM, NEAR DAM FACE AND UP
19 INTO THE COMMUNITIES THAT YOU MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, A SMALL
20 RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THE JUNIOR -- OR THE SCHOOL
21 THAT YOU MENTIONED EARLIER.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HAVE THE IMPACTED CITIES AND THE
24 COMMUNITIES TAKEN A POSITION ON THIS PROPOSAL?

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1 **MARK PESTRELLA:** WE DO NOT HAVE FORMAL POSITIONS FROM THE
2 IMPACTED CITIES.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAVE A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR OF THE
5 CITY OF PASADENA, BILL BOGAARD, SUPPORTING OPPOSITION -- OR
6 SUPPORT OF MY MOTION, I SHOULD SAY. AND ALSO COUNCIL MEMBER
7 STEVE MADISON IS HERE TO SPEAK FOR THE MAYOR. OF THE FIVE DAMS
8 THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE CLEAN-OUT OR POTENTIAL CLEAN-OUT, IS
9 THIS THE MOST VISIBLE BY THE PUBLIC AND USED BY THE PUBLIC?

10

11 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, THE FIVE RESERVOIRS THAT WE INTEND
12 TO CLEAN UP, THE DEVIL'S GATE DAM IS LOCATED RIGHT OFF THE 210
13 FREEWAY, SO IT IS VISIBLE TO THE TRAVELING PUBLIC AS WELL AS
14 THE COMMUNITY SURROUNDING THE AREA. THE EQUESTRIAN USES IN THE
15 AREA DO SURROUND THE RESERVOIR, ALTHOUGH I HAVE TO MENTION ON
16 OCCASION WE DO GET EQUESTRIANS STUCK IN THE RESERVOIR IN THE
17 SEDIMENTS WITHIN THE RESERVOIR, SO WE DO TRY TO DISCOURAGE
18 EQUESTRIAN USE RIGHT UP AND NEAR THE DAM ITSELF.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BECAUSE SAFETY IS IMPORTANT, WHAT
21 WE'RE ASKING FOR WOULD ALLOW YOU DO CLEAN OUT THE FACE OF THE
22 DAM TO ALLOW THOSE VALVES TO BE OPERABLE. AND ARE THERE ANY
23 OTHER MEASURES THAT WE COULD TAKE WHILE CONDUCTING AN E.I.R.
24 THAT WOULD ENSURE SAFETY?

25



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1 **MARK PESTRELLA:** WELL, USING THE TERM E.I.R. MEANS THAT WE HAVE
2 A PROJECT. SO WE WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFUL, IF WE DID DETERMINE
3 THAT AN E.I.R. IS REQUIRED, THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFUL
4 NOT TO CONDUCT A PROJECT AS THE DEFINED BY C.E.Q.A. IN OTHER
5 WORDS THE TERM, PIECE-MEALING. HOWEVER, SOME MEASURES COULD BE
6 TAKEN TO PROTECT THE DAM ITSELF, BUT NOT NECESSARILY IMPROVING
7 THE DAM'S ABILITY TO PASS A FLOOD. AND THOSE MEASURES WOULD BE
8 TO PROTECT THE VALVES BY COVERING THEM AND MAKING THEM
9 INOPERABLE, BUT PROTECTING THEM FROM SEDIMENT INTRUSION INTO
10 THE VALVE SYSTEM.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY QUESTIONS? WE HAVE SOME SPEAKERS.
13 OKAY. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND WHAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS DOING
16 ON THIS, BUT ARE WE CREATING ANY KIND OF A HAZARD WHATSOEVER?
17 I THINK WE'RE ALL A LITTLE PARANOID ABOUT THAT, BY DELAYING
18 THIS PROJECT FOR TWO YEARS?

19

20 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTION, SUPERVISOR KNABE.
21 THE EFFECTS OF THE STATION FIRE WHAT HAS CAUSED RISK IN THIS
22 AREA AND FLOOD RISK TO INCREASE TREMENDOUSLY AS SUPERVISOR
23 ANTONOVICH HAS NOTED MANY TIMES IS THAT THE EFFECTS OF THE
24 STATION FIRE ARE SUCH THAT WE HAVE A SCENARIO CURRENTLY WHERE
25 WE CAN EXPECT TO HAVE THE RESERVOIR FILLED IN THE NEXT TWO



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1 YEARS WITH SEDIMENT, OR LESS. GIVE A LITTLE EXAMPLE, LAST
2 WEEKEND'S STORM, WE HAD FLOWS THAT REACHED WITHIN THREE FEET
3 OF THE CREST OF THE DAM. THE REASON FOR THAT HAPPENING IS THAT
4 THE SEDIMENT THAT IS CURRENTLY THERE HAS BASICALLY CLOGGED THE
5 FIRST VALVE THAT CONTROLS FLOODS AND IS THREATENING TO AFFECT
6 OUR SPILLWAY AS WELL AS THE OTHER SLIDE GATES, THE WAY WE
7 RELEASE WATER OUT OF THE DAM. THAT SCENARIO -- THAT FLOOD
8 SCENARIO THAT WE EXPECT COULD HAPPEN AND HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY
9 U.S.G.S. IS THAT WE WOULD HAVE A SMALL REGULAR STORM, AVERAGE
10 STORM, WHAT WE CALL A TWO-YEAR EVENT, IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS.
11 ONE OF THOSE EVENTS COULD CAUSE THE SEDIMENT TO FILL ALL THE
12 WAY BEHIND THE RESERVOIR. IN THE FLOOD SCENARIO, WE THEN WOULD
13 HAVE WHAT WE CALL A 50-YEAR EVENT, A VERY LARGE STORM THAT HAS
14 A PROBABILITY OF OCCURRING, A 2% CHANCE OF OCCURRING IN ANY
15 YEAR. THOSE FLOWS WOULD COME DOWN AND ACTUALLY TOP THE
16 RESERVOIR AND THEN MAKE THEIR WAY DOWN INTO THE ARROYO SECO,
17 AFFECTING STRUCTURES SUCH AS THE ROSE BOWL, THE 110 FREEWAY
18 AND MANY COMMUNITIES SUBSEQUENT ON ITS WAY TO THE RIVER.
19 PUBLIC WORKS IS VERY CONCERNED AT THIS TIME ABOUT THAT
20 CONDITION AND THE RISK THAT IT PRESENTS TO THE COMMUNITY AND
21 THIS IS WHY WE'RE SEEKING TO UNDERTAKE THE MAINTENANCE THAT'S
22 NECESSARY TO MAKE THE DAM OPERABLE AND USEABLE FOR FLOOD
23 CONTROL PURPOSES.
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1 **SUP. KNABE:** ON THAT BASIS AND THOSE COMMENTS, AS A FOLLOW UP,
2 THEN WHAT LIABILITY ARE WE EXPOSING OURSELVES BY DELAYING THE
3 PROJECT FOR A COUPLE YEARS? AND MATTER OF FACT, HOW ARE WE
4 GRANTED EMERGENCY EXEMPTION FROM C.E.Q.A.?

5

6 **MARK PESTRELLA:** ACTUALLY, OUR ANALYSIS, AND WHAT WE HAVEN'T
7 BROUGHT THE DETERMINATION TO YET, WHAT WE HAD INTENDED TO DO
8 WAS BRING A RECOMMENDATION TO YOU OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
9 UNDER C.E.Q.A. FOR MAINTENANCE PURPOSES. HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT
10 TO EMERGENCY, IT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE REGULATORY
11 AGENCIES THAT WE QUALIFY FOR EMERGENCY EXEMPTION WITH RESPECT
12 TO STATE FISH & GAME AS WELL AS THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
13 CONTROL BOARD, THEY'RE AGENCIES THAT ARE REGULATING OUR
14 MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES. BUT I ALSO NEED TO SAY THAT WE'RE ALSO
15 PROPOSING AND INTENDING TO DO MUCH PUBLIC OUTREACH IN THIS
16 EVENT TO LAY OUT THESE RISKS AND TO SEEK THE PUBLIC'S INPUT ON
17 GOING FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN THE LIABILITY PIECE AS IT RELATES TO THE
20 PREVIOUS QUESTION?

21

22 **MARK PESTRELLA:** IN TERMS OF LIABILITY, FLOOD CONTROL
23 RELIABILITY, INFRASTRUCTURE RELIABILITY AS RELATED TO THE
24 MAINTENANCE OF OUR FACILITIES IS SOMETHING THAT IS AT RISK. IF
25 WE BEGIN A PROJECT, THE COUNTY HAS ADOPTED A POLICY OF 50-YEAR



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1 FLOOD PROTECTIONS AND FEDERAL REGULATION AS WELL REQUIRES THAT
2 LEVEL OF FLOOD PROTECTION. THE DOWNSTREAM FACILITIES BELOW THE
3 DAM ARE NOT SIZED FOR WHAT WE CONSIDER A 50-YEAR EVENT, A
4 MAJOR STORM EVENT. THEY ARE LESS THAN THAT. THE REASON FOR
5 THAT IS THAT THE DAM ACTUALLY PROVIDES THE FLOOD PROTECTION
6 AND REGULATES THE FLOW INTO ARROYO SECO CHANNEL AND PAST THE
7 ROSE BOWL AND THE OTHER COMMUNITIES I MENTIONED EARLIER. SO
8 YES, THERE IS AN INCREASE IN RISK AND AN INCREASE IN LIABILITY
9 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH RESPECT TO THE MAINTENANCE
10 OF THESE DAMS.

11

12 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT THE MOTION DOES NOT PRECLUDE YOU
13 FROM THE ISSUE WITH THE VALVES, CLEANING THEM OUT?

14

15 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THE MOTION DOESN'T PRECLUDE ME FROM PROTECTING
16 THE VALVE, BUT IT DOES NOT ALLOW ME TO -- WHAT IT REQUIRES ME
17 TO DO, SUPERVISOR, IS TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN
18 APPROVAL TO MAINTAIN THE RESERVOIR. AND WHAT WE'RE CONCERNED
19 ABOUT WITH RESPECT TO THAT IS THE TIME, THE LENGTH, THE
20 EXTENSION OF TIME WITH RESPECT TO THE RISK WE'RE CURRENTLY
21 UNDER.

22

23 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT THE MOTION ALLOWS YOU TO CLEAN OUT
24 THE FACE OF THE DAM SO THAT THE VALVES ARE OPERABLE?

25



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1 **GAIL FARBER:** YEAH.

2

3 **MARK PESTRELLA:** I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE. WHAT IT WOULD ALLOW
4 ME TO DO IS TO PROTECT, WHAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO DO ON A
5 REGULAR MAINTENANCE ROUTINE IS PROTECT THE VALVES.

6

7 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT HERE IT SHOWS YOU WHERE YOU
8 COULD DO IT. YOU HAVE THIS. [HOLDING PICTURE]

9

10 **MARK PESTRELLA:** I THINK WHAT YOU'RE POINTING TO IS THE BOOM,
11 THE RED LINE? THAT'S OUR FACILITY TO KEEP THE TREES AND SCAGS
12 OFF THE DAM FACE. BUT WHAT WE WOULD DO IS MAKE THE DAM SAFE
13 FROM RUINING THE VALVE SYSTEM AND RUINING THE RISER SYSTEM.
14 WHAT WE'RE AT JEOPARDY OF IS ACTUALLY OPERATING THE DAM OVER
15 THIS PERIOD OF TIME.

16

17 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FOR THE TIME AS THE E.I.R. IS BEING
18 DONE, YOU HAVE THAT ABILITY TO MAKE THIS OPERABLE, SAFE. AND
19 THEN WHEN YOU HAVE THE INPUT FROM THE TWO CITIES AND THE
20 ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS, THEN YOU
21 WOULD HAVE A WORKABLE PLAN THAT WOULD HAVE THE SUPPORT.
22 BECAUSE WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ONE OR TWO TRUCKS A DAY.
23 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT 300 TO 400. AND AGAIN, GOING THROUGH
24 J.P.L., THE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE OTHER TWO SCHOOLS THAT ARE
25 THERE ALONG WITH THOSE COMMUNITIES OF ALTADENA AND PASADENA



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1 AND LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OUGHT TO BE
2 PART OF THE SOLUTION. SO, ANYWAY, WE HAVE SOME SPEAKERS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND THAT, MR. MAYOR, BUT MY QUESTION
5 WOULD BE: WOULD THEY -- I UNDERSTAND THE TWO OR 300 TRUCKS,
6 BUT WOULD THEY LIKE MUD FLOWS IN THOSE SAME FACILITIES? I
7 MEAN, WE WENT THROUGH THIS ALL THIS WITH THE STATION FIRE AND
8 EVERYTHING ELSE. AND SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE -- UNDERSTAND
9 WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO, SUPERVISOR. BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE
10 SURE THAT WE'RE ON SOLID GROUND HERE BOTH LEGALLY AND
11 LIABILITY-WISE IN DELAYING POTENTIAL FLOOD KINDS OF SITUATIONS
12 TO THOSE SAME COMMUNITIES. BECAUSE THOSE FOLKS WOULD BE JUST
13 AS OUTRAGED IF SOMETHING HAPPENED AND THAT PLACE OVERFLOWED
14 AND WE GOT ALL THAT STUFF DOWN THE HILL AS THEY WOULD HAVING
15 TWO OR 300 TRUCKS. SO WE'LL WAIT. YOU GO AHEAD AND TAKE YOUR
16 TESTIMONY.

17

18 **GAIL FARBER:** I THINK TO CLARIFY ON THE SECOND PART OF THE
19 MOTION, WITH SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS, I THINK WHAT MARK WAS
20 TRYING EXPLAIN TO ADDRESS YOUR QUESTION, SUPERVISOR KNABE, IS
21 THAT A SHORT-TERM SOLUTION JUST TO REMOVE ENOUGH SEDIMENT AT
22 THE FACE OF THE DAM TO ALLOW THE VALVES TO REMAIN OPERABLE
23 REALLY DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE FEASIBLE AS A SHORT-TERM BECAUSE
24 IT'S JUST AS YOU REMOVE SEDIMENT TO PROTECT THE VALVES, IT'S
25 THE FIRST RAIN OR FLUSH FROM THE STORM WILL BE COVERED IN



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1 SEDIMENT AGAIN. SO WE REALLY HAVE TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF
2 THE VALVES. THEY CANNOT CONTINUE TO BE PLUGGED UP WITH
3 SEDIMENT. AND SO COMING BACK WITH SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS WITH
4 JUST REMOVING A LITTLE BIT AND IN FRONT OF THE FACE OF THE DAM
5 TO PROTECT THE VALVES FROM A SEDIMENT FLOW STANDPOINT OR A
6 MAINTENANCE OR A FLOOD RISK STANDPOINT DOESN'T BUY BACK OR BUY
7 DOWN YOUR RISK. WE STILL BELIEVE THAT IF YOU WERE TO DO A
8 SHORT-TERM WITH A SMALLER AMOUNT AT THE FACE OF THE DAM, IT
9 WOULD STILL PLUG. AND THAT IT'S STILL AT RISK OF TOPPING OVER.
10 THAT'S OUR CONCERN WITH WANTING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE
11 LARGER REMOVAL OPERATION, FULLY VET THAT. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE
12 OUR COMMITMENT TO DO AN EXTENSIVE, ROBUST PUBLIC EDUCATION AND
13 OUTREACH ABOUT THIS RISK BECAUSE THIS DAM, INCLUDING FOUR
14 OTHER IDENTIFIED DAMS, ARE IN THIS SITUATION OF THREAT TO OUR
15 WATER SUPPLY AND OUR ABILITY TO CAPTURE IT AS WELL AS OUR RISK
16 TO PROTECT FROM FLOODING.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** QUESTIONS? HONORABLE COUNCIL MEMBER
19 STEVE MADISON, WILSON LAU, TIMOTHY BRICK, MARY BARRIE. GOOD
20 MORNING. NOW, GOOD AFTERNOON ALMOST.

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22 **COUNCILMEMBER STEVE MADISON:** GOOD MORNING. MAYOR ANTONOVICH.

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24 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, COUNCIL.



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1 **COUNCILMEMBER STEVE MADISON:** AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
2 BOARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING US HERE. MY NAME IS
3 STEVE MADISON, I'M A CITY COUNCILMEMBER FROM PASADENA. AND AS
4 THE MAYOR INDICATED, YOU'VE BEEN PRESENTED WITH A LETTER FROM
5 OUR MAYOR, BILL BOGAARD. AND I'M HERE THIS MORNING ON HIS
6 BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF THE VICE MAYOR, VICTOR GORDO, AND THE
7 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. LAST NIGHT WE ADOPTED A
8 RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTING MAYOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION
9 HERE TODAY. ABOVE THE DEVIL'S GATE DAM IS WHAT FOR US IN
10 PASADENA IS A VERY SACRED PLACE, THE HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED
11 PARK. THERE ARE ABOUT 330 ACRES THERE THAT ARE WITHIN THE CITY
12 OF PASADENA. WE HAVE A ROBUST MASTER PLAN. AND WE SPENT A LOT
13 OF TIME AND ENERGY ON THAT AREA. AND OUR CONCERN OBVIOUSLY IS
14 IT WOULD BE HARD TO IMAGINE THAT A PROJECT OF THIS SCALE
15 WOULDN'T REQUIRE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. WE'RE MINDFUL
16 OF THE SAFETY CONCERNS AND THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROJECT AND
17 THE WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN, BUT WE DO SEE THE MAYOR'S POINT
18 THAT WHAT CAN HAPPEN HERE IS ESSENTIALLY TWO PHASES. IN THE
19 SHORT-TERM, SOME IMMEDIATE REMEDY CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR. AND
20 THEN MEANWHILE WE CAN UNDERGO THE C.E.Q.A. PROCESS. SO OUR
21 RESOLUTION LAST NIGHT WAS REALLY FOUR PARTS: ONE TO SUPPORT
22 MAYOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION IN FULL. TWO, TO REQUIRE FULL
23 C.E.Q.A. -- TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE BOARD REQUIRE
24 FULL COMPLIANCE WITH C.E.Q.A., NOTWITHSTANDING THE EMERGENCY
25 DECLARATION. THREE, TO REQUEST THAT ANY WORK IN THE SHORT TERM



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1 OR LONG TERM BE FULLY MITIGATED. AND, FOUR, TO OFFER THE FULL
2 COOPERATION AND REQUEST THAT THERE BE COORDINATION WITH OUR
3 PUBLIC WORKS STAFF AND AS THE MAYOR MENTIONED, WITH THE OTHER
4 STAKEHOLDERS IN THE PROCESS. SO IN CLOSING, I'LL TAKE ANY
5 QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR COUNCIL'S ACTION, BUT I DO WANT TO EXPRESS
6 GRATITUDE TO THE MAYOR FOR BRINGING THIS MATTER TO YOUR
7 ATTENTION.

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9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE COUNCILMAN?
10 THANK YOU.

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12 **COUNCILMEMBER STEVE MADISON:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LET ME ALSO CALL UP CRAIG
15 CHEREEK AND GLEN OWENS. OKAY, WE'LL GIVE EVERYBODY ONE MINUTE
16 BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MANY, OKAY? YES, SIR.

17

18 **TIMOTHY BRICK:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. I'M
19 VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR YOUR
20 MOTION. I AM TIM BRICK. I REPRESENT THE ARROYO SECO
21 FOUNDATION. AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING FOR MANY YEARS WITH THE
22 COUNTY TO DEVELOP A LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT, WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
23 PROGRAM HERE, INCLUDING A SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. AND THE
24 REAL PROBLEM HERE IS THAT THERE'S BEEN A LONG-TERM ABSENCE OF
25 MAINTENANCE OF THIS FACILITY. BUT LONG-TERM ABSENCE OF



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1 MAINTENANCE DOESN'T MEAN THAT THIS IS JUST A MAINTENANCE
2 PROJECT. THERE'S BEEN NO SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT IN THIS PROJECT,
3 BASICALLY, SINCE 1994. THERE'S RARE ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES IN
4 THIS VERY IMPORTANT FLOOD BASIN AT THE FOOTHILLS OF THE SAN
5 GABRIEL MOUNTAINS, AND THERE'S ALSO VERY IMPORTANT WATER
6 RESOURCES. THERE'S EIGHT SCHOOLS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. THIS
7 IS 170,000 TRUCKS OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD OF TIME. THERE'S
8 VERY IMPORTANT HEALTH IMPACTS THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT,
9 AS WELL. WE URGE THE COUNTY TO UNDERTAKE A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL
10 IMPACT REPORT FOR THIS PROJECT AND TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
11 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION.

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13 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

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15 **MARY BARRIE:** I'M MARY BARRIE. FRIENDS OF HAHAMONGNA AND THE
16 MEMBER OF THE LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE TRAILS COUNCIL. I SUPPORT
17 THE MOTION, MAYOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION. I ALSO AGREE WITH
18 EVERYTHING MR. BRICK HAD SAID. ALSO WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY
19 IS THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS WORKED FOR 25 YEARS TO TRY TO KEEP
20 HAHAMONGNA NATURAL. THIS IS NOT A JOHNNY-COME-LATELY EFFORT BY
21 THE PUBLIC. AND OF COURSE WE RECOGNIZE THE SAFETY ISSUES.
22 WE'RE IN COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THAT. WHAT WE'RE ASKING IS
23 A CHANCE TO SEE WHAT THESE ALTERNATIVES MIGHT BE. AND I
24 HAVEN'T HEARD FROM ANY OF THE FOLKS YET, THE FLOOD CONTROL
25 FOLKS, WHY THERE COULDN'T BE SOME INTERIM TYPE OF -- I HAVEN'T



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1 HEARD HOW LONG THEY REALLY NEED TO MAKE THIS SAFE. IS THERE
2 SOMETHING COULD BE DONE IN THE INTERIM THAT WOULD BE -- YOU
3 KNOW, WOULD ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT THEY HAVE AND STILL GIVE
4 THE PUBLIC A CHANCE TO SEE THESE ALTERNATIVES? THE HAHAMONGNA
5 PLANNING PROCESS HAS BEEN ANYTHING BUT TRANSPARENT OVER THESE
6 25 YEARS. AND THIS IS JUST -- THIS IS WHY THE PUBLIC IS SO
7 CONCERNED ABOUT THIS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP GLEN
10 OWENS. YES, SIR.

11

12 **CRAIG CHEREEK:** MY NAME'S CRAIG CHEREEK, I'M A NEIGHBORING
13 RESIDENT. MY CONCERN IS PRIMARILY THE TRANSPARENCY. WE HAVE
14 SEEN NO PLANS. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION UPON WHICH TO MAKE AN
15 INFORMED DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO SUPPORT THIS OR NOT. THE
16 RESOURCE ENVIRONMENTALLY IS PRECIOUS AND CANNOT BE RESTORED IF
17 IT'S TRAMPLED UPON. THIS IS NOT A BUSINESS-AS-USUAL KIND OF A
18 PROPOSITION HERE. THIS IS A PERMANENT DESTRUCTION OF PRECIOUS
19 AND IRREPLACEABLE HABITAT THAT'S BEING DONE WITH NO THOUGHT TO
20 A PUBLIC DISCUSSION. THE E.I.R. PROCESS ITSELF WILL PROVIDE
21 SOME DATA UPON WHICH INFORMED DECISIONS CAN BE MADE. WE'VE NOT
22 SEEN THAT DATA. THAT'S CRITICAL. WITHOUT THAT, THIS IS JUST A
23 BLIND RUSH TO FATTEN THE PEOPLE WHO SELL DIESEL FUEL.

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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DON BREMNER? ROSS HECKMANN,
2 CHRISTLE BALVIN? MR. OWENS?

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4 **GLEN OWENS:** GLEN OWENS HERE. YOU KNOW, I'D RATHER NOT BE HERE.
5 BUT IF I CAN TAKE THE TIME OUT TO COME DOWN HERE AND CHASTISE
6 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHEN I THINK THEY'RE MAKING A
7 MISTAKE, I CERTAINLY CAN COME DOWN AND TAKE THE TIME TO TELL
8 YOU WHEN I THINK YOU'RE DOING THE RIGHT JOB. AND I APPRECIATE
9 MR. ANTONOVICH, YOUR CONCERN OVER THIS E.I.R. I THINK IT'S THE
10 RIGHT THING TO DO. FOR THE FLOOD CONTROL TO HIDE BEHIND AN
11 EMERGENCY PROVISION, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, THE FIRE, THE
12 STATION FIRE HAPPENED IN 2009. AND LAST YEAR IF IT WAS AN
13 EMERGENCY WHEN THEY WERE CLEANING OUT LA CANADA AND ALL THE
14 OTHER SEDIMENT SITES, IF THIS WAS SUCH AN EMERGENCY, THEY
15 SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOWN THERE IN HAHAMONGNA. THIS PROJECT IS
16 PROBABLY, LIKE YOU JUST MENTIONED EARLIER, ABOUT A
17 TRANSFUSION, THIS IS A SHORT-TERM SOLUTION TO A LONG-TERM
18 PROBLEM. AND HAHAMONGNA DESERVES A BETTER LOOK AT A LONG-TERM
19 SOLUTION. THANK YOU.

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21 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, GLEN. YES, SIR.

22

23 **DON BREMNER:** MY NAME IS DON BREMNER. I LIVE IN PASADENA AND
24 I'M CHAIR OF THE CITY'S HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK ADVISORY
25 COMMITTEE. AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S



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1 MOTION TO HAVE A FULL E.I.R. FOR THIS PROJECT. WHEN THIS WAS
2 FIRST PRESENTED TO OUR COMMITTEE AT THE END OF NOVEMBER, OUR
3 COMMITTEE MEMBERS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ASKING THE COUNTY TO
4 PRESENT ALTERNATIVES, TO PRESENT MITIGATION PROPOSALS, AND TO
5 REDUCE IMPACTS ON RECREATION AND HABITAT. SO OUR COMMITTEE HAS
6 NOT HAD A CHANCE TO MEET SINCE THIS RESOLUTION HAS BECOME
7 PUBLIC AND WAS INTRODUCED, BUT WE WILL TAKE IT UP AT OUR NEXT
8 MEETING. AS HAS BEEN SAID, HAHAMONGNA IS A VERY SPECIAL PLACE.
9 IT COMBINES THE NATURAL HABITAT, RECREATION, AND WATER SUPPLY
10 FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA AS WELL AS FLOOD CONTROL. AND ANY
11 PROJECT NEEDS TO BALANCE ALL OF THOSE CONSIDERATIONS, AND A
12 FULL E.I.R. WOULD DO JUST THAT. I THINK THE PROPOSAL FOR A
13 SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY CLEANOUT MEETS THE EMERGENCY CONCERNS OF
14 D.P.W. SO WE URGE A FULL E.I.R. THANK YOU.

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16 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM. OR SIR?

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18 **ROSS HECKMANN:** I'M ROSS HECKMANN. I'M SUPPORTING YOUR
19 PROPOSAL, MR. MAYOR, YOUR MOTION. AND I BELIEVE THAT WORK
20 SHOULD PROCEED NO MORE THAN IS TRULY NECESSARY FOR ANY TRUE
21 EMERGENT NEEDS. BUT THAT THE TIME SHOULD BE TAKEN FOR A FULL
22 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE ANY NEGATIVE
23 IMPACTS UPON THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE MANY OTHER
24 BENEFICIAL USES THAT THIS PROPERTY HAS HAD. AND I THINK A FULL
25 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WOULD PROVIDE GREATER TRANSPARENCY



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1 AND ASSURE THAT ALTERNATIVES WERE CONSIDERED TO MINIMIZE THE
2 IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. SO I'M SUPPORTING YOUR MOTION, AND
3 I HOPE IT IS PASSED.

4

5 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. BEFORE, CHRISTLE, YOU
6 SPEAK, CAMRON STONE, GILLIAN WARE. DAVID CZAMANSKE.

7

8 **CHRISTLE BALVIN:** CHRISTLE BALVIN, PASADENA. I'M HERE ALSO TO
9 THANK THE SUPERVISOR AND TO THANK HIS STAFF FOR HAVING
10 LISTENED TO THE CONCERNS THAT MANY OF US HAVE BROUGHT BEFORE
11 YOU. PASADENA IS PARK POOR. THE ARROYO SECO AND EATON CANYON
12 WASH NOW HAVE A MEANING THAT THEY DIDN'T EVEN HAVE 20 YEARS
13 AGO. THEY'RE WIDELY USED. BUT I WANT TO STRESS THAT THIS
14 SERVES PASADENA, LA CANADA AND ALTADENA AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE
15 WHO COME THERE. THERE IS A GREAT BODY OF PEOPLE BEHIND
16 PROTECTING THIS AREA. BUT I THINK YOU WILL FIND THAT THE
17 COMMUNITY IS VERY AWARE THAT IN 1938, THERE WAS A MAJOR FLOOD.
18 AND WE STRONGLY SUPPORT COUNTY FLOOD CONTROLS' EFFORTS TO
19 PROTECT THE PUBLIC SAFETY. WE, TOO, WANT THAT. BUT WE THINK
20 THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE WAY TO CLEAN OUT THE SEDIMENT
21 TEMPORARILY. IT WOULD NOT BE ACTIVATED EVEN IF YOU WENT AHEAD
22 WITH THE EXISTING PLAN OF COUNTY UNTIL PROBABLY TWO YEARS FROM
23 NOW. SO WITHIN THAT TIMEFRAME, WHY NOT DO THE E.I.R., GET THE
24 ALTERNATIVES OUT ON THE TABLE, INVOLVE THE PUBLIC? SO WE THANK
25 YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THIS BALL, RUNNING WITH IT. THE



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1 PUBLIC SAFETY WILL NOT BE IMPACTED. AND I WANT TO ADD ONE
2 OTHER THING. I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICE ON TRYING TO
3 PULL TOGETHER A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO MIGHT ADD EXPERTISE. AND
4 WE HAVE SIGNED ON I THINK SOME PEOPLE WHO WILL BRING GREAT
5 CREDIBILITY TO IT FROM THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY, J.P.L.
6 THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO GIVING OUR
7 VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO SUPPORTING YOU. THANK YOU.

8

9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **CAMRON STONE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE
12 FACT THAT YOU BROUGHT THIS MOTION UP. I THINK IT IS EXTREMELY
13 IMPORTANT.

14

15 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GIVE YOUR NAME.

16

17 **CAMRON STONE:** OH, I'M SORRY. I'M CAMRON STONE FROM ARCADIA,
18 CALIFORNIA. I WAS ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE EFFORT TO SAVE THE
19 ARCADIA WOODLANDS FROM DESTRUCTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
20 WORKS. AND I DO WANT TO SAY THAT THE WAY THE D.P.W.
21 CHARACTERIZED US IN THAT CASE WAS WE WANTED TO STOP THE
22 PROJECT. AND WE NEVER DID. THE SAME IS TRUE IN THIS CASE. WE
23 DO NOT WANT TO STOP THEM FROM GOING, MOVING FORWARD ON THEIR
24 PROJECT. WE JUST WANT TO HAVE PUBLIC INPUT. HAHAMONGNA IS AN
25 INCREDIBLE NATURAL RESOURCE. AND IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO



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1 GET THE INPUT FROM THE CITIZENS. WE CAN BRING A LOT TO THE
2 TABLE. THERE ARE A WHOLE LOT OF GREAT IDEAS OUT THERE ON HOW
3 WE CAN DO THIS AND GET BUY-IN BY THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

4

5 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

6

7 **GILLIAN WARE:** I'M GILLIAN WARE, A MEMBER OF BOTH SANTA MONICA
8 TREESAVERS URBAN WILD NETWORK. I ENTIRELY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON THIS AREA IS
10 TOO GREAT TO BE IGNORED. HAHAMONGNA'S WATERSHED PARK COULD BE
11 GREATLY AFFECTED, APART FROM ANYTHING ELSE, DESTROYING 15
12 ACRES OF VALUABLE CANOPY OF WILLOW TREES AND THE ACCOMPANYING
13 WILDLIFE. HAHAMONGNA WOULD VIRTUALLY BECOME A PERMANENT WORK
14 SITE FOR THREE YEARS. WE ARE FAST LOSING OUR INDISPENSABLE
15 CANOPIES AND WILD LANDS, NOT FORGETTING THE ARCADIA WOODLANDS.
16 SO IT IS IMPERATIVE TO TAKE THE TIME TO WORK OUT A SCHEME THAT
17 WOULD NOT AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENT SO DRASTICALLY IN THESE
18 CRITICAL TIMES. SO I THANK YOU. I SUPPORT YOUR MOTION.

19

20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WILSON LAU? OKAY, YES, SIR.
21 DAVID? YOU WILL BE THE CLEANUP HITTER.

22

23 **DAVID CZAMANSKE:** DAVID CZAMANSKE, PASADENA GROUP OF SIERRA
24 CLUB. GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR INTRODUCING
25 THIS MOTION, WHICH WE SUPPORT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE FULL E.I.R.



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1 WILL GIVE THE PUBLIC INFORMATION IT DESPERATELY NEEDS TO
2 EVALUATE THIS SITUATION. I'D JUST LIKE TO COMMENT BRIEFLY ON
3 THE SO-CALLED EMERGENCY STATUS OF THIS PROJECT. YOU KNOW, THE
4 GOVERNOR, ON JANUARY 21, 2010, DECLARED THE STATE OF
5 EMERGENCY. NOW, IF THE PUBLIC WORKS HAD COME THEN WITHIN A
6 MONTH OR TWO AFTER, I COULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD THEM DECLARING,
7 OKAY, WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING RIGHT NOW. BUT THEY COME A YEAR
8 LATER, OKAY? AND THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO GET THIS AUTHORIZED
9 BY THE BOARD IN APRIL AND THEN START THE PROJECT IN SEPTEMBER.
10 ALTHOUGH WHEN TALKING TO YOUR STAFF, THEY SAID ACTUALLY THEY
11 WOULDN'T BEGIN WORK UNTIL NEXT SPRING. SO I REALLY QUESTION
12 THAT IT'S WHETHER OR NOT IT IS REALLY AN EMERGENCY AT THIS
13 POINT IN TIME. BUT I DO STRONGLY SUPPORT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OF
14 THIS, THE INCLUSION OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AS CHRISTLE BALVIN
15 HAS CITED, I THINK IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. AND I WOULD ALSO
16 URGE THAT THE DEPARTMENT BE REQUIRED TO NOT ONLY RECEIVE INPUT
17 FROM THE PUBLIC BUT BE WILLING TO SIT DOWN INFORMALLY WITH THE
18 PUBLIC AND TALK ABOUT IT. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH THE ARCADIA
19 OAKS SITUATION IS WE WERE ALLOWED TO PUT IN A LOT OF DATA TO
20 THEM, A LOT OF LETTERS AND SO ON. BUT WE WERE NEVER ALLOWED TO
21 SIT DOWN WITH THEM AND TALK ABOUT THE REALITIES OF THE
22 SITUATION. AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH. THANK YOU,
23 SIR.
24



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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL MOVE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY. ANY OPPOSITION?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** BEFORE I REGISTER ANY OPPOSITION, THE QUESTION IS
5 WHAT ABOUT THE SAFETY ISSUE? I MEAN, YOUR ABILITY TO MOVE
6 FORWARD. I UNDERSTAND THE E.I.R. PIECE AND THEY KEEP SAYING
7 ABOUT ALTERNATIVES. WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE? WHAT IS THE
8 ALTERNATIVE FOR LIABILITY?

9

10 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE ALTERNATIVE IS THEY CAN MOVE
11 FORWARD ON CLEANING OUT THAT PART WITH THE VALVES, BUT AS WAS
12 STATED, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO START TOMORROW TO CLEAN OUT THE
13 WHOLE AREA. THEY'RE DOING IT FOR -- THIS IS TWO YEARS DOWN THE
14 ROAD. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IN THE MEANTIME, WE NEED TO HAVE
15 THIS INVOLVEMENT FROM THE COMMUNITY. I BELIEVE J.P.L., WHICH
16 IS ONE OF OUR VITAL RESOURCES IN THIS NATION, OUGHT TO BE AT
17 THE TABLE, ALONG WITH THE OTHER COMMUNITIES. THERE ARE THREE
18 COMMUNITIES. AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
19 STATED THROUGH THE COUNCILMEMBER MADISON SPEAKING HERE TODAY
20 ALONG WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL IN ALTADENA AND THE CITY OF LA
21 CANADA-FLINTRIDGE, ALONG WITH THOSE SCHOOLS AND OTHER
22 RESIDENTS. BUT THREE TO 400 TRUCKS A DAY IS A HELL OF AN
23 IMPACT.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.



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SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: WITHOUT HAVING INPUT FROM THE
COMMUNITY. BUT THE COMMUNITY IS CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY. THAT'S
WHY WE'VE HAD AND CONTINUE TO HAVE THE SANDBAGGING AND THE
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITIES AND THE TOWN
COUNCILS ON THIS ISSUE. SO IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT IS ABSENT.
I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR HESITANCY. HOWEVER AS THE PREVIOUS
SPEAKER STATED, A STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS DONE OVER A YEAR AGO,
AND THE DEPARTMENT DIDN'T ACT THE FOLLOWING DAY OR THE
FOLLOWING MONTH OR THE FOLLOWING SIX MONTHS OR THE FOLLOWING
12 MONTHS TO GET THE PROGRAM MOVING FORWARD.

12

SUP. KNABE: WELL, THEY COULDN'T HAVE BECAUSE THEY WERE DOING
THE OTHER ONE TO TAKE CARE OF THAT.

15

MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: NO, THEY HAVE MORE THAN ONE HAND.

17

SUP. KNABE: THE POINT BEING IS THEN WE SIT HERE AND THEN IT
COMES BACK AND THEN SOMETHING DRAMATIC HAPPENS. AND WHAT DO
YOU WANT US TO DO? SAY I TOLD YOU SO? I MEAN, YOU CAN HAVE
COMMUNITY INPUT, I THINK THAT'S FINE. BUT CAN YOU DO IT
WITHOUT MOVING FORWARD ON A COMPLETE E.I.R. WHEN YOU HAVE AN
EXEMPTION? THE J.P.L. -- TELL US SOME ALTERNATIVES.

24



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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE MOTION STATES THAT WHERE IT SAYS
2 REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS WITH A SHORT-TERM SOLUTION TO THE
3 SEDIMENT ACCUMULATION ALONG THE FACE OF THE DAM. SO IT'S IN
4 THE MOTION.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** MAYBE COUNTY COUNSEL COULD ADDRESS THAT?

7

8 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THAT. AND I
9 WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THAT THE COUNTY COMPLY FULLY WITH
10 C.E.Q.A. BUT FULLY WITH C.E.Q.A. OFTEN COMES IN STAGES. SO IT
11 WOULD BE MY RECOMMENDATION GOING FORWARD THAT WE START WITH
12 THE INITIAL STUDY. IT IS A STAGGERED PROCESS FOR C.E.Q.A. YOU
13 HAVE THE INITIAL STUDY. THEN PERHAPS YOU HAVE A NEGATIVE DECK.
14 THEN PERHAPS YOU HAVE A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECK. OR YOU MAY
15 HAVE A FULL E.I.R. BUT GIVEN ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN
16 VERY WELL RAISED BY THE PUBLIC THAT THIS IS AND DOES APPEAR TO
17 BE A PROJECT THAT COULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL
18 IMPACTS, LET'S GET THE FACTS. LET'S GO TO AN INITIAL STUDY IN
19 THE FIRST INSTANCE. THAT CAN COME BACK TO US IN THREE OR FOUR
20 WEEKS. AND THEN SEE IF IT IS APPROPRIATE TO HAVE THE FULL
21 E.I.R. LET'S TALK TO THE GROUPS AND PUBLIC THAT HAVE COME HERE
22 THAT HAVE ALREADY PUT TOGETHER EXPERTS, AND LET'S HAVE A
23 REALLY INTENSIVE COMMUNICATION AND THEN GO FORWARD AND TO TAKE
24 INTO ACCOUNT ALL OF THOSE SAFETY ISSUES THAT YOU'RE TALKING
25 ABOUT, SUPERVISOR KNABE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT. BUT I DIDN'T
3 THINK THE MOTION READ THAT WAY.

4

5 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I UNDERSTAND.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** COMING BACK IN 90 DAYS BEFORE YOU MOVE FORWARD?

8

9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I WOULD JUST SAY INSTEAD OF THE 90
10 DAYS, MAKE IT 30 DAYS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH 90 DAYS. I'M JUST
13 SAYING COME BACK. I DON'T WANT TO VOTE TODAY TO AUTHORIZE A
14 TWO-YEAR DELAY.

15

16 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE THE E.I.R. AND ASKING THAT WE
17 ALSO COME BACK TO THE BOARD IN 90 DAYS WITH A SHORT-TERM
18 SOLUTION TO THE SEDIMENT ACCUMULATION ALONG THE FACE OF THE
19 DAM.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THAT WHAT YOU SAID? THAT'S NOT WHAT THE COUNTY
22 COUNSEL SAID.

23



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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'M NOT THE THE COUNTY COUNSEL, I'M
2 THE SUPERVISOR THAT REPRESENTS THE DISTRICT. THANK YOU. CALL
3 THE ROLL. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** DOES IT ASK FOR THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT?

6

7 **ANDREA ORDIN:** RIGHT NOW IT APPEARS TO SAY THAT WE ARE GOING TO
8 A FULL E.I.R. THAT'S WHAT THE MOTION SAYS NOW. WHAT I HAVE
9 BEEN SUGGESTING IS THAT --

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THEN IT SAYS REPORT BACK IN 90
12 DAYS ON THE SHORT-TERM SOLUTION TO THE SEDIMENT ACCUMULATION.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** AND WE REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS BEFORE WE MAKE A
15 DECISION ON THE FULL E.I.R.? OR 30 DAYS OR WHATEVER WORKS FOR
16 YOU?

17

18 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I THINK WE NEED THE E.I.R. BECAUSE OF
19 THE IMPACT THAT IT HAS. BUT AS I SHOWED YOU ON THE MAP, THERE
20 ARE SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS THAT CAN BE DONE IN THE MEANTIME TO
21 ADDRESS THE ISSUE AS TO THE COMMUNITY'S INVOLVEMENT AND INPUT
22 IS INVOLVED IN THE SOLUTION OF THE -- THE ANSWER TO THE FINAL
23 SOLUTION.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** SO WHAT HAPPENS IN 90 DAYS? WHAT ARE WE GETTING
2 BACK?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COMING BACK IN 30 DAYS WITH A SHORT-
5 TERM SOLUTION, NOT 90 DAYS.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT DO WE GET?

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9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL FIND OUT IN 30 DAYS HOW WE'RE
10 GOING TO CLEAN OUT THE SEDIMENT DURING THAT TIME FRAME PRIOR
11 TO THE E.I.R. BEING DONE. (OFF MIC COMMENTS).

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK YOU'RE ALL DANCING AROUND THE SAME
14 OBJECTIVE. THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT THE MOTION CALLS FOR AN
15 E.I.R. BUT IT ALSO SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE OPEN TO ANY SHORT-TERM
16 MEASURES THAT WOULD BE ENVIRONMENTALLY JUSTIFIED TO CLEAR OUT
17 SOME OF THE SEDIMENTATION IN THE INTERIM. AND I THINK AS LONG
18 AS THAT'S UNDERSTOOD AS YOU'RE GOING FORWARD, BECAUSE FROM
19 WHAT I'VE HEARD FROM THE TESTIMONY, THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES
20 ASIDE FROM WHAT'S IN THE SEDIMENTATION BASIN. THERE'S A
21 TRAFFIC ISSUE IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND THERE'S ALL KINDS OF
22 OTHER STUFF. BUT THE EMERGENCY PROBLEM IS THE SEDIMENTATION.
23 SO I THINK MR. ANTONOVICH IN HIS MOTION IS ALLOWING FOR A
24 SHORT-TERM MECHANISM TO TRY TO IDENTIFY A SHORT-TERM MECHANISM



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1 TO CLEAR OUT SOME OF THE SEDIMENTATION WHILE THE BROADER
2 ENVIRONMENTAL GOES FORWARD, IS THAT FAIR?

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M ABSTAINING ON THIS.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? YES?

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. 30 DAYS, CORRECT, COMING BACK?

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE MOTION IS BEFORE US. WITH A 30-DAY
15 REPORT BACK ON THE SHORT-TERM THINGS.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THOUGHT IT WAS A 90-DAY.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HE CHANGED IT TO 30.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** DOES THAT MEAN IN THE INTERIM YOU'RE GOING TO DO
22 AN ANALYSIS? THAT'S THE PART I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHAT DOES THE
23 30-DAY GET US?

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** A REPORT BACK.



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2 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE SHORT TERM, WHAT THEY CAN DO
3 IMMEDIATELY.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** TO DO WHAT?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO CLEAR OUT THE SEDIMENTATION BASIN WITHOUT
8 UNDERMINING THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THE E.I.R. THE E.I.R. IS
9 BROADER THAN JUST THE SEDIMENTATION BASIN. SO I THINK WHAT HE
10 WANTS TO DO IS TO MAKE SURE THERE'S AN E.I.R. ON THE THINGS
11 LIKE TRAFFIC.

12

13 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CLEAN OUT THE VALVES.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IN THE MEANTIME, FIND A WAY TO DEAL WITH
16 THE SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY ISSUES. AND THAT'S THE REPORT BACK,
17 THE SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY ISSUES THAT HE'S GOING HAVE COME BACK
18 IN 30 DAYS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHO DOES THAT?

21

22 **ANDREA ORDIN:** SO I THINK WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS THAT MOTION SAYS
23 THAT IT'S GOING TO BE A FULL E.I.R., WHICH COULD BE NINE
24 MONTHS TO 12 MONTHS. IT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE TWO YEARS.



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1 AND YOU WANT A REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS. NOW, WE DON'T WANT TO
2 HAVE A --

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4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON THE SHORT-TERM REMOVAL OF THE
5 SEDIMENT AND THE CLEANING OUT OF THE VALVES THAT HAVE BEEN
6 BLOCKED.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT YOU ARE ASKING FOR A FULL E.I.R. WITHOUT ANY
9 ANALYSIS?

10

11 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOT FOR THAT PART, THEY'RE GOING TO
12 CLEAN OUT THE VALVES.

13

14 **ANDREA ORDIN:** ONE OF THE OTHER -- THERE IS A FINAL ISSUE,
15 WHICH IS PIECE MEALING PROJECTS AND NOT HAVING ENVIRONMENTAL
16 STUDIES THAT GO TO BOTH SIDES. BUT WE CAN WORK WITH THAT AT A
17 LATER TIME.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE WERE AT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS ISN'T PIECE-MEALING. I THINK IT'S VERY
22 CLEAR HE WANTS AN E.I.R. ON THE WHOLE PROJECT. THERE IS AN
23 EMERGENCY PROBLEM, AS TESTIFIED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS
24 DEPARTMENT, THAT IF IT'S CLOGGED PIPES OR --

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** VALVES.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** VALVES, TACTICAL STRATEGIC REMOVAL OF
4 SEDIMENT, I THINK THAT C.E.Q.A. GIVES YOU THE AUTHORITY OR
5 STATE LAW GIVES YOU THE AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH EMERGENT
6 PROBLEMS WITHOUT UNDERMINING THE LONG-TERM PURPOSE OBJECTIVES
7 OF THE E.I.R. SO THIS IS NOT PIECE MEALING IN THE CLASSICAL
8 SENSE. I KNOW WHAT YOU WERE DRIVING AT. BUT I WOULD ARGUE
9 DIFFERENTLY.

10

11 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I SAID WE WOULD WORK WITH THIS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT I MEAN BY GOING FORWARD WITH THE FULL E.I.R.,
14 AREN'T WE OVERRIDING THE C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTION?

15

16 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK 30 DAYS WOULD BE ILLUMINATING.

19

20 **ANDREA ORDIN:** THE C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTION THAT WE WOULD BE TALKING
21 ABOUT IS THE MAINTENANCE ONE, NOT THE EMERGENCY. BECAUSE OF
22 THE THINGS THAT WERE DISCUSSED HERE. IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME
23 SINCE THE ORIGINAL.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** POINT OF ORDER.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ARE WE IN THE MIDDLE OF A ROLL CALL?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE THE MIDDLE OF A ROLL CALL.

7 CONTINUE THE ROLL.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU WERE AT ME, AND I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY
12 TO GIVE A PREAMBLE TO MY VOTE.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT. 30 DAYS WILL BE ILLUMINATING, I
15 ASSURE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY VOTE WILL BE CAST IN ABOUT 30 DAYS.

18 [LAUGHTER.]

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, SIR. I UNDERSTAND IF WE KEEP
21 TALKING, IT SURE WILL BE.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S WHEN I EXPECT TO COMPLETE MY REMARK.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I VOTE AYE.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S THE BENEDICTION.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSTAIN.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

11

12 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AYE. SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MOTION CARRIES.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANYTHING MORE, SUPERVISOR?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, MR. MAYOR, 60-B IS BEFORE US. WE
19 CONTINUED THIS ITEM, I THINK. WAIT A MINUTE. NO, PARDON ME.

20 THANKS FOR THE CLARIFICATION, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. I'M

21 REFERRING TO 58, WHICH THE MAYOR RIGHTLY NOTICES THERE ARE

22 PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. THE MATTER WAS CONTINUED. MR.

23 MAYOR, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT YOU WISH TO HAVE THOSE WHO ARE

24 HERE TO BE HEARD TO HAVE SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY. SO I THINK

25 THAT'S IN ORDER. BUT MAY I READ IN A MOTION ON A RELATED ITEM?



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1 AND IT REFERS TO LOCAL HIRE DISCLOSURE BY THE COMMUNITY
2 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. AND PERHAPS WHILE I'M DOING THIS,
3 THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON ITEM 58 CAN ORGANIZE THEMSELVES
4 ACCORDINGLY. BUT EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY TO PROMOTE LOCAL WORKER
5 HIRING POLICIES ON PUBLICALLY FINANCED PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS
6 AS A MEANS OF STIMULATING LOCAL JOB CREATION TO ENSURE THAT
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE EXTENDED THE EMPLOYMENT
8 BENEFITS OF AN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ASSOCIATED WITH SAID
9 WORK AND MITIGATING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING HUMAN
10 AND SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AND
11 POVERTY. UNTIL RECENTLY, VOLUNTARY LOCAL WORKER HIRING EFFORTS
12 HAVE BEEN PURSUED AT THE VARIOUS COUNTY PROJECTS ADMINISTERED
13 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. AT THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD
14 OF SUPERVISORS, DATA CURRENTLY BEING COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY
15 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ON THESE VOLUNTARY EFFORTS ARE
16 BEING POSTED ON ITS WEBSITE IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE
17 GENERAL PUBLIC WITH OBJECTIVE EMPIRICAL DATA BY WHICH TO
18 MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE LOCAL WORK-FOR-HIRE
19 EFFORTS. HOWEVER, NO SUCH LOCAL HIRE REQUIREMENTS, VOLUNTARY
20 OR OTHERWISE, OR POSTING OF DATA ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF
21 RESIDENTS IN COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING THESE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE
22 BEEN REQUIRED OF PROJECTS ADMINISTERED BY THE LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. LAST WEEK, DEMANDS BY
24 LOCAL RESIDENTS AT ONE SUCH SITE IN THE COMMUNITY WAS PUT
25 FORTH FOR EMPLOYMENT RESULTED IN VERBAL ALTERCATIONS, WHICH



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1 WAS REPORTED TO THE C.D.C. STAFF BY THE CONTRACTOR. THE
2 ALTERCATION ALLEGEDLY INCLUDED THREATS OF VIOLENCE AND
3 PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION OF THE WORK AT THE SITE BY SUCH
4 INDIVIDUAL. THESE THREATS HAVE NO PLACE IN OR AROUND SUCH
5 CONSTRUCTION WORK SITES AND SHOULD BE CONDEMNED IN THE
6 STRONGEST TERMS. THREATS OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AND DESTRUCTION
7 OF PRIVATE PROPERTY SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED AND ANY SUCH ACTS
8 SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED AND PROSECUTED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF
9 THE LAW POSSIBLE. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE C.D.C. IN
11 CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
12 WORKS TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALL BOARD OFFICES A MONTHLY REPORT
13 ON THE RETENTION OF WORKERS BY CONTRACTORS AT C.D.C.
14 CONSTRUCTION SITES LIVING WITHIN A FIVE-MILE RADIUS AND IN THE
15 COMMUNITIES WITHIN L.A. COUNTY ZIP CODES WITH THE UNEMPLOYMENT
16 RATES EXCEEDING 150 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S AVERAGE AS OF THIS
17 DATE. THIS REPORT, THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED
18 TO A DESCRIPTION OF VOLUNTARY OBLIGATIONS IF NECESSARY
19 ASSOCIATED WITH LOCAL WORK-FOR-HIRE EFFORTS, THE TOTAL
20 ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CONSTRUCTION HOURS THAT WILL BE EXPENDED
21 TO CONCLUDE THE PROJECTS, THE NUMBER OF PERCENTAGE OF
22 CONSTRUCTION HOURS TO BE COMPLETED TO DATE. AND, FINALLY,
23 DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF C.D.C. TO REPORT THIS DATA
24 EVERY TWO WEEKS FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECTS. AND FINALLY,
25 DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF THE C.D.C. TO POST THESE REPORTS ON THE



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1 C.D.C. WEBSITE. I READ THAT IN AND HOPE WE WILL TAKE IT UP AT
2 THE NEXT MEETING, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THAT FOR NEXT WEEK OR THE WEEK
5 AFTER?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NEXT WEEK WOULD BE FINE. THANK YOU, MR.
8 MAYOR.

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10 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT AMENDMENT WOULD BE FOR THE
11 FOLLOWING MEETING NEXT WEEK ON THE EIGHTH. WE HAVE 12
12 SUPPORTERS AND SIX OPPONENTS AND TWO OTHERS. SO I'LL CALL UP
13 THE SUPPORTERS FIRST. KEVIN NORTON. JEFFREY HENDERSON. OWEN
14 SMITH, LANITA MORRIS.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT ONLY, RIGHT?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YEAH. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE RECORD,
19 YEAH. BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER AND THE TIME, WE'LL DO ONE MINUTE
20 EACH. BECAUSE THE ITEM IS COMING BACK NEXT WEEK.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** TWO WEEKS.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OH, TWO WEEKS? OKAY, TWO WEEKS, THE
25 15TH. YES, SIR, YOU'RE ON.



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2 **KEVIN NORTON:** GOOD MORNING, SIR. MY NAME'S KEVIN NORTON. I
3 REPRESENT I.B.E.W. LOCAL 11. AND IN RESPONSE TO AN INQUIRY
4 REGARDING THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF NONUNION WORKERS THAT HAVE
5 RECEIVED MEDICAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER P.L.A.S, I.B.E.W.
6 LOCAL 11 HAS PREPARED AN EXTENSIVE LIST OF WORKERS. TO DATE,
7 APPROXIMATELY 5,303 WORKERS HAVE RECEIVED BENEFITS UNDER
8 PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS WHO HAVE PERFORMED WORK. MANY
9 EMPLOYERS CONTINUE TO PERFORM WORK UNDER P.L.A. AGREEMENTS
10 YEAR AFTER YEAR, BUILDING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR THEIR
11 EMPLOYEES. THESE RETIREMENT BENEFITS CONTINUE TO GROW FOR
12 THESE WORKERS AND WILL BE THERE WHEN THEY RETIRE. LABOR
13 MANAGEMENT, MEDICAL THAT THIS THESE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE ARE
14 SAFETY NETS BUILT SO THAT IF WORK STOPS, UNDER THESE P.L.A.S,
15 THESE WORKERS WILL STILL ENJOY THE MEDICAL BANK THAT IS BUILT
16 ON THEIR BEHALF WHILE THEY'RE WORKING. I'D LIKE TO PROVIDE A
17 LIST OF INDIVIDUAL WORKERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED BENEFITS WHO
18 WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE TOO MANY. WE HAVE 700 PAGES OF INDIVIDUAL
19 WORKERS AND THERE'S H.I.P.A.A. REQUIREMENTS. BUT THE BREAKDOWN
20 BY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IS 1,100 IN DISTRICT 1, DISTRICT 2,
21 757. DISTRICT 3, 606. DISTRICT 4, 1,368. AND DISTRICT 5,
22 1,450. THAT'S HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED BENEFITS IN YOUR
23 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. AND I'D LIKE TO PROVIDE TO THE CLERK
24 FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD AND FOR YOUR OWN PERUSAL THAT STATEMENT.

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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. RICHARD SLAWSON. YES,
2 SIR? YOU'RE NEXT.

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4 **JEFFREY HENDERSON:** GOOD MORNING. JEFFREY HENDERSON, P.V. JOBS.
5 ON BEHALF OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ERNEST ROBERTS AND THE
6 THOUSANDS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND DISADVANTAGED WORKERS
7 THAT WE REPRESENT, WE ARE HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE
8 PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT. WORKING FAMILIES EARN THEIR SALT IN
9 THE CITY, THE COUNTY, THE NATION. WE'RE ASKING THAT L.A.
10 CONTINUE TO BE A BEACON OF HOPE, THAT YOU VOTE AGAINST GREED
11 AND VOTE IN FAVOR OF WORKING FAMILIES AND THE P.L.A.

12

13 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. TOM MOXLEY. YES, SIR.

14

15 **OWEN SMITH:** MY NAME IS OWEN SMITH. I'M PRESIDENT OF ANZALONE &
16 ASSOCIATES. I'M A PAINTING CONTRACTOR. I'M IN FAVOR OF THE
17 P.L.A.S. I'VE BEEN IN BUSINESS HERE SINCE 1960. I'S WORKED ON
18 A LOT OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS. I BELIEVE THAT THE P.L.A.
19 PROVIDES TRAINING. WE GIVE HEALTHCARE AND DECENT WAGES. MY SON
20 WORKED FOR ME AS AN APPRENTICE. HE DID HIS INTERN AT MARTIN
21 LUTHER KING. HE'S NOW A PRACTICING, A PHYSICIAN AT THE
22 KINGSBURG JEWISH HOSPITAL IN NEW YORK.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CONGRATULATIONS.

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1 **OWEN SMITH:** MY DAUGHTER WORKED FOR ME AS AN ESTIMATOR. AND NOW
2 SHE'S WORKING IN THE CARIBBEAN. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE P.L.O.
3 THANK YOU.

4
5 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YEAH, NO P.L.O. HERE. [LAUGHTER.] KIM
6 CRAFT. YES, MA'AM.

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8 **LANITA MORRIS:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M LANITA MORRIS. I'M HERE
9 REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES BLACK WORKER CENTER, WHICH IS A
10 GRASSROOTS CENTER THAT'S DEDICATED TO REVERSING THE CHRONIC
11 UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT WE SEE HAPPENING IN THE
12 COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES, PARTICULARLY IN THE AFRICAN-
13 AMERICAN COMMUNITY. WE KNOW THAT TWO IN FIVE WORKING AGE
14 AFRICAN-AMERICANS HAS A QUALITY JOB. THE OTHERS ARE EITHER
15 UNEMPLOYED OR ARE WORKING IN LOW WAGE JOBS, WITHOUT
16 HEALTHCARE, WITHOUT RETIREMENT, WITHOUT ADVANCEMENT ON THE
17 JOB. SO WE'RE HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE URGE THE BOARD TO
18 SUPPORT JOB CREATION THAT'S GOING TO CREATE FAMILY SUSTAINING
19 WAGES, HEALTH BENEFITS, WORKER HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTECTIONS
20 AND LOCAL ACCESS TO CAREER ADVANCEMENT AND A CAREER LADDER. WE
21 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNTY IS CREATING LONG-TERM JOB
22 CREATION THAT ENSURES THAT ALL LOCAL WORKERS HAVE ACCESS TO
23 THOSE JOBS, PARTICULARLY THE UNDERUTILIZED AND DISADVANTAGED
24 WORKERS. MAKING SURE THAT WE FOLLOW COMPLIANCE, THAT THERE'S
25 REAL OVERSIGHT FOR THE LOCAL HIRE POLICY, MAKING SURE THAT IT



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1 REACHES AND FAIR, EQUITABLE WAYS ALL THE RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN
2 THE TARGET ZIP CODES. SO KNOWING PARTICULARLY THAT AFRICAN-
3 AMERICANS AND WOMEN ARE PROFOUNDLY UNDERREPRESENTED IN THE
4 L.A. COUNTY CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, WE KNOW THAT THESE TOOLS OF
5 ENFORCEMENT THAT YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT ARE REALLY IMPORTANT TO
6 MAKE SURE THAT ACCOUNTABILITY REALLY HAPPENS.

7

8 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DONNA
9 MADRIL. YES SIR.

10

11 **RICHARD SLAWSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS AND MAYOR. MY
12 NAME IS RICHARD SLAWSON, I'M THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE
13 LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY'S BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
14 TRADES COUNCIL. AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN HERE TWO PREVIOUS
15 BOARD MEETINGS DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE. WE HAVE PROVIDED DATA TO
16 ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT THE SUPERVISORS HAVE ASKED IN REGARD
17 TO THE APPLICATION AND THE INTENT AND THE RESULTS THAT ARE TO
18 BE EXPECTED UNDER A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT. WE HOPE WE HAVE
19 ANSWERED ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS AND LOOK FORWARD TO NEGOTIATING
20 AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO YOU FOR A FINAL
21 REVIEW TO PUT LOS ANGELES TO WORK. I JUST WANT TO COMMENT THAT
22 IN ONE OF YOUR EARLIER AGENDA ITEMS, YOU TALKED ABOUT THE WAYS
23 TO SALVAGE COUNTY DOLLARS HERE, TO MAINTAIN FACILITIES FOR THE
24 CITIZENS THAT LIVE AND WORK IN THE COUNTY. THE WAY WE'RE GOING
25 TO SOLVE THESE BUDGET PROBLEMS IN SACRAMENTO AND THE NATION IS



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1 PUTTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK. THESE AGREEMENTS WILL PUT LOCAL
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY PEOPLE BACK TO WORK. WE HAVE 12-1/2 PERCENT
3 OR MORE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY UNEMPLOYED. IN THE CONSTRUCTION
4 INDUSTRY WE HAVE AN AVERAGE OF 40 PERCENT UNEMPLOYED. THIS
5 WILL PUT TAXPAYERS BACK TO WORK IN OUR COUNTY, AND WE HOPE YOU
6 WILL ADOPT THE AGREEMENT WHEN IT'S BROUGHT TO YOU. THANK YOU
7 VERY MUCH.

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9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.] LET ME
10 CALL UP JANE TEMPLIN.

11

12 **TOM MOXLEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNTY SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TOM
13 MOXLEY AND I'M A BUSINESS AGENT FOR IRONWORKERS LOCAL 433 AND
14 PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. ORANGE COUNTY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
15 TRADES COUNCIL. I COME TO YOU AS A LIFELONG L.A. COUNTY
16 RESIDENT. THE PEOPLE SITTING BEHIND ME, A LOT OF THEM THAT YOU
17 SEE ARE ACTUALLY MY MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING TRADES
18 WHO ARE OUT OF WORK. THEY HAVE BEEN HERE ALL MORNING WAITING
19 TO COME. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO COME BEFORE YOU AND SPEAK AND
20 DELAY THIS. I FIGHT FOR THEM. I SPEAK FOR THEM. THEY'RE OUT OF
21 WORK. MY UNION IS AT 42-1/2 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT, HAS BEEN FOR
22 OVER A YEAR AND A HALF. SOME OF MY MEMBERS HAVE LOST THEIR
23 HOMES, HAVE LOST EVERYTHING THEY OWN. AND SOME UNFORTUNATELY
24 HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE. IT'S TIME TO PUT L.A. COUNTY BACK TO
25 WORK. IT'S NOT 12 PERCENT. AND IT'S JOB-SUSTAINING JOBS THAT



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1 PAY INTO THE BENEFITS AND KEEP THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE AND
2 PROVIDE THEIR RETIREMENT BENEFITS. AND I ASK YOU TO LET'S GO
3 FORWARD AND SUPPORT THIS P.L.A. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **KIM CRAFT:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS KIM CRAFT, I'M
6 ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD
7 OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 11. I HAVE TWO STUDIES ON PROJECT
8 LABOR AGREEMENTS TO PRESENT TO YOU. FIRST A 21-PAGE STUDY ON
9 17 P.L.A.S FROM 2001 THROUGH 2009 IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
10 TOTALING OVER \$888 MILLION. THE STUDY WAS COMPILED BY THE LOS
11 ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUREAU OF CONTRACT
12 ADMINISTRATION. THEIR CONCERNS AND THE BUREAU'S CONCLUSIONS
13 ALL SUPPORT AND WERE THE BASIS FOR THE ADOPTION BY THE BOARD
14 OF PUBLIC WORKS A UNANIMOUS APPROVAL FOR A PUBLIC-WIDE P.L.A.
15 THROUGH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. A SECOND REPORT, 48 PAGES,
16 CALLED CONSTRUCTION CAREERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY, WAS CONDUCTED
17 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RESEARCH AT U.C.L.A. ON PAGE 45,
18 THE SURVEY STATED THAT THE LOCAL HIRE PROCEDURES AND REGULAR
19 PROCEDURES RESULTED IN 35 TO 45 PERCENT OF ALL HIRES. IN
20 CONCLUSION, LET ME STATE THAT I AM PROUD TO SERVE THE LOS
21 ANGELES BUILDING TRADES AND THAT ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
22 A.B.C. WHO WOULD BLATANTLY MISREPRESENT OR DISTORT THE FACTS
23 SIMPLY TO FURTHER THEIR OWN SELF-SERVING GOALS NOT ONLY DOES A
24 DISSERVICE TO THIS BOARD BUT TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES, AS
25 WELL. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO
3 APPLAUD. BUT IF YOU WOULD JUST WAVE YOUR HANDS, THAT WOULD BE
4 THE SAME AND WE APPRECIATE THAT. LET ME FIRST CALL UP ALSO
5 ALTON WILKERSON AND STEPHEN OLIVAS. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **DONNA MADRIL:** MY NAME IS DONNA MADRIL AND I AM A VERY PROUD
8 AND ACTIVE MEMBER OF I.B.E.W. LOCAL 11. I HAVE JUST COMPLETED
9 MY APPRENTICESHIP, AND I AM NOW A JOURNEYMAN IN SOUND AND
10 COMMUNICATIONS. I HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO WORK IN THE
11 CONSTRUCTION FIELD. AND I HAVE EARNED MANY CERTIFICATIONS,
12 FIRE, LIFE AND SAFETY, VOICE DATA VIDEO, LEAD ASBESTOS,
13 AWARENESS AND TRAINING. AND I AM A QUALIFIED SAFETY PERSON. I
14 AM A SINGLE MOTHER OF FOUR AND A GRANDMOTHER OF FIVE. SO I
15 TRULY BELIEVE IN THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING SAFELY TO COME HOME
16 TO MY FAMILY EVERY NIGHT. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO WORK FOR A
17 CONTRACTOR THAT VALUES THESE SAME STANDARDS. I SUPPORT THE
18 P.L.A. AND THANK YOU, AS MY REPRESENTATIVES, FOR SUPPORTING
19 IT, AS WELL.

20

21 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **JANE TEMPLIN:** MY NAME'S JANE TEMPLIN. I'M OUTREACH DIRECTOR
24 FOR THE ELECTRICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE. AND I WANT TO THANK
25 YOU. I STAND HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE P.L.A. AND TO TELL YOU



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1 THAT IT DOES PROVIDE CAREER PATHWAYS FOR PEOPLE FROM OUR
2 COMMUNITY INTO CAREERS. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY IN
3 THIS TIME OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT THAT WE NOT ONLY PUT PEOPLE TO
4 WORK, BUT THAT WE REACH OUT AND BRING NEW PEOPLE IN AND GIVE
5 THEM CAREERS. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK AHEAD TO THE
6 FUTURE WITH THE WORK FORCE, THE SKILLED WORKFORCE, 40 PERCENT
7 OF THEM RETIRING IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, YOU NEED TO LOOK TO
8 WHO IS GOING TO BE HELPING TAKE CARE OF THIS COUNTY. SO THIS
9 P.L.A. OFFERS THAT OPPORTUNITY, BRINGING IN PEOPLE AND GIVING
10 THEM CAREERS. THANK YOU.

11

12 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **ALTON WILKERSON:** HELLO MY NAME IS ALTON WILKERSON. I'M AN
15 APPRENTICE IN THE I.B.E.W. AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE
16 P.L.A.S. THROUGH THIS CAREER THAT I'VE GOTTEN, IT HELPS ME DO
17 GREAT JOBS IN THE COMMUNITY AS FAR AS SOLAR POWER AND SAVING
18 ENERGY ON A LOT OF THESE COMMUNITY COLLEGES. AND IT ALSO HELPS
19 MY FAMILY, SUPPORT MY FAMILY AS FAR AS FINANCES AND WITH
20 HEALTHCARE. RIGHT NOW I HAVE A BABY ON THE WAY ANY DAY NOW,
21 AND WITHOUT THIS CAREER, I WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW HOW I WOULD BE
22 ABLE TO PAY FOR THESE MEDICAL BILLS. AND WITH THE P.L.A.S.,
23 THIS WOULD ALSO GIVE PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY THE SAME
24 OPPORTUNITIES THAT I HAVE. SO I HOPE YOU GUYS SUPPORT THE
25 P.L.A.S. THANK YOU.



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2 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. CONGRATULATIONS ON
3 YOUR BABY.

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5 **ALTON WILKERSON:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

8

9 **STEPHEN OLIVAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS STEPHEN OLIVAS,
10 WITH OLIVAS MECHANICAL CORPORATION, A CERTIFIED S.B.E.
11 PLUMBING CONTRACTOR. I'VE BEEN IN THE PLUMBING TRADE FOR 30
12 YEARS. WITHIN THIS TIME, I'VE BEEN A PLUMBING JOURNEYMAN,
13 FOREMAN, GENERAL FOREMAN AS NONUNION AND UNION MEMBER. I'VE
14 ALSO BEEN AN INSPECTOR WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AS AN
15 OWNER WITH OLIVAS MECHANICAL, A NONUNION MEMBER, I HAVE
16 OPPOSED BIDS ON PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN P.L.A., L.A.C.C.D. AND
17 L.A.U.S.D. OLIVAS MECHANICAL HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL WITH THIS
18 PROCESS AND IS CURRENTLY ON AN L.A.S.U.D. PROJECT THAT IS
19 P.L.A. OLIVAS MECHANICAL HAS BEEN GIVEN SUPPORT BY THE LOCAL
20 PLUMBING UNION AND HAS UTILIZED THE RESOURCES. I HAVE A SON
21 THAT IS NOW A SECOND YEAR APPRENTICE WITH PLUMBERS LOCAL 78.
22 WITH THE P.L.A., ONCE MY HOURS WERE MET, I HAVE RECEIVED MY
23 HEALTH AND WELFARE AND VACATION AND HOLIDAY. MY VESTED
24 RETIREMENT YEARS APPLIED AND ARE ONGOING WITH HOURS WORKED. I
25 HAVE FULL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OR MY ENTIRE FAMILY WITH



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1 THE HOURS WORKED AND MET. MY VACATION HOLIDAY CHECKS WERE
2 DISBURSED WITH ALL HOURS ACCOUNTED FOR. YOU WILL ALWAYS GET
3 YOUR VACATION. HOLIDAY AND HEALTH AND WELFARE AND INSURANCE
4 WITH THE MINIMUM HOURS. YOUR RETIREMENT WILL BE ELIGIBLE ONCE
5 VESTED AT FIVE YEARS. BUT IF YOU WORK TWO YEARS ON A P.L.A.
6 PROJECT, YOURS HOURS WILL BE HELD UNTIL YOU'RE EITHER ON
7 ANOTHER P.L.A. PROJECT OR SIGN WITH LOCAL UNIONS TO COUNT
8 HOURS TOWARDS THE FIVE-YEAR VESTED TIME. I SUPPORT P.L.A. JOBS
9 AND IT DOES PROVIDE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR PROPOSED BIDS ON
10 PROJECTS. THE PROJECTS ARE MONITORED ON MANPOWER AND LOCAL
11 HIRE PARTICIPATION, ARE EVALUATED DURING THE PROJECT FOR
12 COMPLIANCE. I'LL SUPPORT YOUR POSSIBLE DECISION TO IMPLEMENT
13 AN AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROJECTS.

14
15 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP ROBERT
16 GUZMAN, FRED CHEN, KEVIN KORENTHAL, JACKIE NUTTING. YES, SIR.

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18 **ROBERT GUZMAN:** YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR, AND THANK
19 YOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH
20 YOU. MY NAME IS ROBERT GUZMAN. AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE
21 SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS. WE'VE BEEN IN THE
22 LOS ANGELES AREA SINCE 1974. IN OUR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OUR
23 MEMBERSHIP HAS COMPLAINED CONSTANTLY TO ME AND MY BOARD OF
24 DIRECTORS ON PROJECTS WITH THE CITY OF L.A. THEY CAN'T GET
25 WORK IN THE CITY OF L.A. THEY'VE COMPLAINED ABOUT OTHER P.L.A.



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1 PROJECTS THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET WORK. AND QUITE
2 FRANKLY, AT THIS POINT WITH OUR COUNTY HAVING THE HIGHEST
3 UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS IN THE STATE OF 13 PERCENT AND OUR STATE
4 UNEMPLOYMENT BEING AT 12.7 PERCENT AND WITH OUR STATE LOOKING
5 AT A TSUNAMI WINDFALL OF \$26 BILLION, NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO
6 START CHANGING POLICIES THAT WE FEEL ARE DISCRIMINATORY TO
7 MINORITY ORGANIZATIONS. NOBODY FROM THE L.A. COUNTY CONTACTED
8 MY ORGANIZATION. NOBODY CONTACTED THE L.B.A., NOBODY CONTACTED
9 THE LATINO BUSINESS CHAMBER, THE A.B.A., THE BLACK BUSINESS
10 ASSOCIATION. ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE MINORITY-BASED
11 BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT. SO ANY TIME YOU ARE
12 GOING TO ENTER INTO A NEGOTIATION, WHY LEAVE ALL THE
13 STAKEHOLDERS OUT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS? WHY NOT UNDERSTAND THAT
14 IN THIS COUNTY, WE HAVE 10 MILLION PEOPLE, 6 MILLION OR SO ARE
15 HISPANIC. AND, YET, NOBODY HAS BOTHERED TO CONTACT THE LEADER
16 ORGANIZATIONS ABOUT OUR ISSUES. WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE
17 UNEMPLOYED, PEOPLE WHO CAN'T PAY THEIR BILLS, WHO ARE LOSING
18 THEIR HOMES, EQUAL TO ANYBODY ELSE. SO ALL WE'RE SAYING IS WHY
19 DON'T YOU KEEP THIS PROJECT UNION AND NONUNION COMPETITIVE
20 BIDDING SO THAT EVERYBODY COULD PARTICIPATE. MAKE SURE THAT WE
21 DON'T HAVE TO WASTE \$800,000 OF MONEY WE REALLY DON'T HAVE. ON
22 TOP OF THAT, LOOK AT COSTING THE PROJECT EVEN MORE. THERE IS A
23 RECENT REPORT FROM THE L.A. TIMES THAT YOU SHOULD ALL BE AWARE
24 OF THAT A P.L.A. IS NO GUARANTEE. IT IS A RISKY VENTURE. THE
25 L.A.C.C.C.D. HAD A P.L.A., RIGHT? AND THE L.A. TIMES REPORTS



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1 THAT THEIR PRICES WENT FROM 28 MILLION TO 43 MILLION. 43
2 MILLION TO FIX THE PROBLEMS UNDER A P.L.A. THANK YOU VERY
3 MUCH.

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5 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR. [APPLAUSE.] PLEASE. USE YOUR
6 HANDS BUT NOT YOUR APPLAUSE. YES, SIR. MR. CHEN?

7

8 **FRED CHEN:** MY NAME IS FRED CHEN. I REPRESENT THE CHINESE-
9 AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONALS. I'M ON THE BOARD OF
10 DIRECTORS. AND I AM REPRESENTING MY ASSOCIATION AND OPPOSE THE
11 P.L.A. PROPOSAL. EVERYTHING WE HAVE JUST HEARD OF CONSTRUCTION
12 IS NOTHING NEW. WE, AS AMERICANS, REALLY KNOW HOW TO BUILD. WE
13 HAVE BUILT. WE HAVE BUILT AND WE HAVE SEEN HOW THE UNION
14 ORGANIZED LABOR HAS ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN THE BUILDING OF OUR
15 NATION. BUT WE ALSO KNOW REALLY WITH THE PUBLIC MONEY THAT IS
16 GOING TO BE SPENT THAT ALL SHOULD HAVE A FAIR CHANCE TO
17 COMPETE AND TO WORK. AND AS THE PROPOSAL, THE P.L.A. PROPOSED
18 LACKS COMPLETELY AN INTENT TO INCLUDE ALL WALKS OF SMALL
19 BUSINESSES AND PARTICULARLY IN THE PUBLIC FUNDED-WORK IN THIS
20 FREE SOCIETY.

21

22 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NATHANIEL MILLER
23 AND AND VICTOR MENDEZ. YES, SIR.

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1 **KEVIN KORENTHAL:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KEVIN
2 KORENTHAL. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE A.B.C. CALIFORNIA
3 COOPERATION COMMITTEE. A.B.C. C.C.C., AS WE ARE KNOWN, WAS
4 ESTABLISHED IN 2004 IN A JOINT ORGANIZATION BETWEEN THE
5 ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. THE D.I.R. ASKED A.B.C. C.C.C. TO INVEST
7 PUBLIC FUNDS TO HELP THEM MONITOR AND ENFORCE PREVAILING WAGE
8 LAWS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SINCE OUR INTRODUCTION IN
9 2004, WE HAVE AUDITED 26 MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UNDER
10 PREVAILING WAGE IN CALIFORNIA AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ASSEMBLE
11 SOME LEVEL OF TRACK RECORD WITH REGARDS TO THE PERFORMANCE OF
12 PREVAILING WAGE ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN CALIFORNIA. WHAT I
13 CAN TELL YOU IN SHORT WORDS IS THAT ALL OF THEM GET A BIG FAT
14 F. ANY PROJECT IN CALIFORNIA THAT IS NOT BEING GOVERNED BY A
15 HIGH LEVEL OF LABOR COMPLIANCE, BOTH FROM INSIDE THE PUBLIC
16 SECTOR AND BY THIRD-PARTY LABOR COMPLIANCE ORGANIZATIONS, YOU
17 FIND THOSE PROJECTS RIDDLED WITH VIOLATIONS. PROJECT LABOR
18 AGREEMENT PROJECTS OFFER NO SOLUTION TO THAT. IN FACT, WE FIND
19 PROJECTS LIKE L.A. U.S.D. SCHOOL PROJECTS WHICH HAVE BEEN
20 UNDER P.L.A. FOR QUITE SOME TIME HAVE AN EVEN HIGHER AMOUNT OF
21 VIOLATIONS AND WE'VE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL
22 RELATIONS AND THE L.A.U.S.D. FINDINGS OF 16 PUBLIC WORKS
23 CONTRACTORS THAT VIOLATED THE LAW UP TO 55 TIMES. AND WE'VE
24 STILL NOT HEARD BACK FROM THEM ON THAT. THANK YOU.

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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL AND ALSO
2 ARNOLD SACHS. YES MA'AM.

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4 **JACKIE NUTTING:** GOOD MORNING -- GOOD AFTERNOON MAYOR
5 ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JACKIE NUTTING WITH
6 ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS. WE HAVE JOINED WITH A LOT
7 OF OTHER CONTRACTORS AND SMALL BUSINESSES TO FORM SMALL
8 BUSINESS UNITED. MINORITY AND SMALL BUSINESSES SHOULD NOT BE
9 FORCED TO PARTICIPATE IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS IN
10 ORDER TO BID AND WORK ON PROJECTS FUNDED BY TAXPAYERS. THIS IS
11 MANDATORY UNIONIZATION TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION
12 EMPLOYEE. MINORITY AND SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYEES SHOULD NOT BE
13 STRIPPED OF THEIR FAIR SHARE OF PREVAILING WAGE BY MANDATING
14 THEIR PENSION PAYMENTS INTO PLANS IN WHICH THEY WILL NEVER
15 VEST AND PAYING DUES INTO ORGANIZATIONS THEY DO NOT SUPPORT.
16 THESE HARD WORKERS SHOULD NOT BE LINED UP AND LAID OFF BECAUSE
17 THEIR EMPLOYER MUST PLAY EENY MEENY MINEY MOE, WHO CAN STAY
18 AND WHO CAN GO TO A MANDATORY ONE-TO-ONE RATIO. AN EMPLOYER
19 SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO KEEP ALL OF HIS EMPLOYEES WORKING. THIS
20 IS CALLED SYNERGY. EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO SEEK
21 EMPLOYMENT IN SMALL MINORITY OPEN SHOPS SHOULD NOT BE FORCED
22 TO REGISTER AT UNION HIRING HALLS AND HAVE THEIR MEDICAL PLANS
23 INTERRUPTED JUST BECAUSE THEY NEED TO WORK AND FEED THEIR
24 FAMILIES TOO. PLEASE VOTE TO END THE EXCLUSIVE DEL AND BRING



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1 THE BEST VALUE TO THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK
2 YOU.

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4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

5

6 **VICTOR MENDEZ:** THANK YOU, HI. MY NAME IS VICTOR MENDEZ, OF --
7 CALIFORNIA. WHILE I'M THE DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS FOR
8 THE SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND WORK
9 CLOSELY WITH ROBERT GUZMAN, I'M REALLY HERE TODAY TO SPEAK AS
10 A PRIVATE CITIZEN. NOT OPPOSED TO ORGANIZED LABOR OR UNION
11 LABOR, BUT OPPOSED TO THE P.L.A. IN CURRENT STRUCTURE. BY WAY
12 OF BACKGROUND, MY FAMILY'S LIVED IN THIS AREA, THIS COMMUNITY
13 FOR OVER 100 YEARS. MY GRANDMOTHER WAS A UNION ORGANIZER IN
14 THE OLD SEAMSTRESS UNION. MY FATHER A PROUD MEMBER OF THE
15 U.A.W. AND AN ORGANIZER. AND MY MOTHER A VERY GOOD COMMUNITY
16 ORGANIZER WHO ALWAYS FOUGHT FOR EQUAL WAGES, ESPECIALLY FOR
17 WOMEN. I OPPOSE THIS P.L.A. ON THE PRINCIPLES OF
18 DISCRIMINATION AND THE FACT THAT IT DOES NOT OFFER EQUAL
19 OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL PEOPLE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE
20 IN OUR ECONOMY AND ON THESE PROJECTS. AS ROBERT POINTED OUT,
21 MEMBERS HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT BEING DISCRIMINATED ON JOBS, NOT
22 BEING ABLE TO BID, HAVING SEVERAL CONSTRAINTS TO BE ABLE TO
23 FULLY EMBRACE THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM.
24 UNDER SUCH PARAMETERS, NO ONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE TO WORK
25 OR HAVE TO MAKE A LIVELIHOOD. WE HAVE TO ASK THAT YOU ABIDE BY



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1 THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AS EVEN OUTLINED IN
2 PRESIDENT OBAMA'S EXECUTIVE ORDER AND VOTE AGAINST THE P.L.A.
3 THANK YOU.

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5 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. GENEVIEVE.

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7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. GENEVIEVE
8 CLAVREUL. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO PUT BACK A CORRECTION FOR
9 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. THOSE ARE NOT PUBLIC COMMENT.
10 TODAY WE ARE TALKING AS PUBLIC ON AN ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA.
11 PUBLIC COMMENT ARE FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. AND YOU BOTH,
12 YOU TRY TO CORRECT THAT ALL THE TIME. THOSE ARE NOT PUBLIC
13 COMMENTS. WE ARE MAKING COMMENTS ON AN AGENDIZED ITEM, WHICH
14 IS VERY DIFFERENT. I'M TOTALLY OPPOSED TO THE P.L.A. I'M
15 TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF LOCAL HIRE. AND I THINK DON'T RENAME STUFF
16 TO MEET YOUR, WHAT YOU WANT TO HAPPEN. WE ARE NOT FRENCH
17 INDIVIDUALS. SOME OF US ARE EXPERT IN OUR FIELD. AND WHEN I
18 COME HERE, I NEVER SPEAK AT PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M VERY CAREFUL
19 OF THAT. I ONLY SPEAK ON AGENDIZED ITEMS. AND I WILL CONTINUE
20 TO DO SO. AND TODAY I AM SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM. THANK
21 YOU. AND I HAVE SOME ARTICLES ON -- DON'T FORGET THE WORKER.

22

23 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACKS?

24



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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
2 WHO'S NOT FOR HIRING? THIS CAME BEFORE THE BOARD A COUPLE OF
3 MONTHS AGO. THERE WAS NO QUESTIONS REGARDING THE REPORT THAT
4 SAN DIEGO ELIMINATED ITS P.L.A.S BECAUSE IT WAS TOO EXPENSIVE.
5 THE CITY OF L.A. CONSIDERED P.L.A.S BACK ON DECEMBER 17. AND
6 WHAT THEY DID IS THEY BIFURCATED IT ON THEIR AGENDA. ONE ITEM
7 WAS A COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS RELATIVE TO
8 THE AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
9 PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT AND RELATED PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE
10 STABILIZATION ORDINANCE. THEY HELD THAT. BUT THEY NEVER
11 DISCUSSED IT. THE ITEM THEY HELD AND DISCUSSED WAS A
12 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY ORDINANCE FIRST
13 CONSIDERATION RELATIVE TO THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE
14 STABILIZATION ORDINANCE. THE REASON THEY DIDN'T DISCUSS THE
15 FIRST ITEM WAS THAT WAS BECAUSE THAT INCLUDED IN THE REPORT
16 THE FACT THAT IT WOULD COST THE CITY \$900,000 IN
17 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES TO OVERSEE THE P.L.A.S. WHAT PART OF YOUR
18 ORDINANCE LOOKS TO THOSE CHARGES, SIR?

19

20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

21

22 **GREGORY WEST:** SUPERVISOR MY NAME IS GREGORY WEST. YOU
23 APPARENTLY CALLED MY NAME EARLIER. I'M SPEAKING IN APPROVAL. I
24 THINK THE APPLAUSE DROWNED IT OUT. MY NAME IS GREGORY WEST.
25 I'M WITH THE I.B.E.W. LOCAL 11, I'M A COMPLIANCE OFFICER. I



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1 COVER L.A.C.C.D., L.A.U.S.D., THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES, ET
2 CETERA. THE FIRST THING I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION IS THAT THE
3 A.B.C. HAS 52 MEMBERS. 225 NONUNION CONTRACTORS HAVE A
4 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BARGAINING RELATIONSHIP WITH I.B.E.W.
5 LOCAL 11. WE OUTNUMBER THE A.B.C. NUMBER TWO, UNDER THE L.A.
6 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, 55 PERCENT OF THE PROJECTS ARE
7 COMPLETED BY NONUNION COMPANIES. THESE ARE COMPANIES THAT USE
8 LOCAL HIRES. IT'S NOT A UNION-SPECIFIC PROJECT, A LABOR
9 AGREEMENT. BUT I ALSO WANT TO SPEAK BRIEFLY ABOUT THE
10 HIGHLIGHTED FIVE STAR CONTRACTORS THAT A.B.C. HAS DISCUSSED,
11 ONE OF WHICH IS HIGH REX. THEY DID A PROJECT IN DOWNTOWN,
12 I.B.E.W. MEMBERS AS WELL AS IRONWORKERS CAME DOWN TO HIGHLIGHT
13 THE SAFETY ISSUES AS WELL AS THE UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS THAT
14 WERE WORKING THERE. HIGH REX'S RESPONSE? SEND 25 OF THEIR
15 EMPLOYEES TO BEAT UP ON OUR ORGANIZERS, CAUSING BROKEN CHEEK
16 BONES, BROKEN ARMS, HURT BACKS, HURT NECKS. THAT IS THE
17 RESPONSE. THANK YOU.

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19 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ERIC CHRISTEN IS THE LAST
20 SPEAKER. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **ERIC CHRISTEN:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
23 NAME IS ERIC CHRISTEN, I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
24 COALITION FOR FAIR EMPLOYMENT IN CONSTRUCTION. I READ FROM THE
25 LOS ANGELES TIMES, WHICH BROKE A THREE-PART SERIES THIS



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1 WEEKEND DEALING WITH THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 DISTRICT, WHICH HAS A P.L.A. IN ITS \$5.7 BILLION WORTH OF
3 WORK. "WASTE THROWS WRENCH INTO LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY
4 COLLEGE'S MASSIVE PROJECT." "POOR PLANNING, FRIVOLOUS SPENDING
5 AND SHODDY WORK DOG THE THE SPRAWLING CAMPUS'S BOND FINANCE
6 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT." FROM ONE PARAGRAPH. "AT EAST LOS
7 ANGELES COLLEGE, CONSTRUCTION OF A GRAND ENTRY PLAZA WITH A
8 CLOCK TOWER DEGENERATED INTO A COMEDY OF ERRORS. HEATING AND
9 COOLING UNITS WERE INSTALLED UPSIDE DOWN, INSPECTORS FOUND.
10 CONCRETE STEPS WERE UNEVEN, CRACKED AND WET LUMBER HAD TO BE
11 TORN OUT." FIXING THE PROBLEMS HELP DRIVE CONSTRUCTION COSTS
12 ON THIS ONE PARTICULAR PROJECT FROM 28 TO \$43 MILLION. WHEN
13 THIS P.L.A. WAS PASSED, UNIONS PROCLAIMED ON THEIR WEBSITE A
14 MAJOR P.L.A. VICTORY IN LOS ANGELES. THE P.L.A. WILL PROVIDE
15 FOR THE USE OF UNION CONTRACTORS FOR THE MASSIVE PROJECT. AS
16 WITH OTHER P.L.A.S IN CALIFORNIA, THIS WILL ENSURE THAT THE
17 COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROJECTS WILL BE COMPLETED ON TIME, ON
18 BUDGET AND WITH FEW LABOR ISSUES.

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20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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22 **ERIC CHRISTEN:** THIS IS THE WORLD YOU CAN EXPECT WITH P.L.A.S.
23 THANK YOU. MOTION, SUPERVISOR THOMAS SECOND. THIS WILL BE
24 CONTINUED TO MARCH 15 WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.
25 SUPERVISOR THOMAS?



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. AND I THINK IT'S
CLEAR THAT WE'VE HAD THE VIEWS EXPRESSED OF A VARIETY OF
PEOPLE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING TO EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS
TO THE BOARD. WE SPENT AN AMPLE AMOUNT OF TIME THINKING
THROUGH THIS ISSUE. THE BOARD'S INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN CLEAR
TO THE C.E.O. WITH RESPECT TO NEGOTIATIONS. AND I LOOK FORWARD
TO THIS COMING BACK TO THE BOARD SO THAT THE MATTER CAN BE
DISPOSED OF CONSISTENT WITH THE BOARD'S WISHES. THANK YOU
AGAIN MR. MAYOR AND TO THOSE OF YOU WHO CAME TO TESTIFY TODAY.
[APPLAUSE.]

12

MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: ANY OTHER ITEMS? IF NOT, SUPERVISOR
YAROSLAVSKY, ADJOURNMENTS?

15

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MR. MAYOR. I HAVE
ONE ADJOURNING MOTION. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
SYBIL PLEAT, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES AND OF OUR
DISTRICT. WHY DON'T WE WAIT A SECOND, LET THEM CLEAR OUT. I
ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF SYBIL PLEAT, WHO PASSED
AWAY OVER THE WEEKEND AT THE AGE OF 95. SHE WAS A LONGTIME
RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY THREE KIDS, THREE
CHILDREN, THREE ADULT CHILDREN, INCLUDING LANEY PLEAT, WHO WAS
AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASSMATE OF MINE AND HIGH SCHOOL
CLASSMATE OF MINE, AS WELL. THAT'S MY ONLY ADJOURNING MOTION.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO TAKE UP ITEM 2. I THINK WE HAVE
5 SOME PEOPLE HERE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD ON THIS. I'LL YIELD TO
6 SUPERVISOR KNABE BECAUSE IT'S HIS MOTION, THE PROBATION.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CAROL BIONDI.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THESE MICS DON'T SEEM TO BE LOUD. CAROL
11 BIONDI? YOU'RE BEING ASKED TO TESTIFY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD MORNING. OKAY. GIVE YOUR NAME FOR
14 THE RECORD.

15

16 **CHRIS LIEF:** CHRIS LIEF WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.
17 I'M HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THE S.B.81
18 PROGRAM.

19

20 **DEAN BORG:** DEAN BORG WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
21 CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, ALSO HERE TO ANSWER ANY
22 QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW TRY IT.

25



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1 **BOB TAKESHTA:** BOB TAKESHTA WITH THE CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONS
2 STANDARDS AUTHORITY HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING LOS
3 ANGELES S.B.81 PROPOSAL.

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5 **DON BLEVINS:** DON BLEVINS, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER.

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7 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CAROL YOU SHOULD SPEAK FIRST BEFORE
8 THEY SPEAK.

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10 **CAROL BIONDI:** I'D BE HAPPY TO. GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR AND
11 OF SUPERVISORS. I'M A MEMBER OF THE L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
12 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR 11 YEARS. I HAVE BEEN ON THE
13 CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY, APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR
14 SCHWARZENEGGER TWICE, AND HAVE CO-CHAIRLED THE COMMITTEE ON THE
15 YOUTHFUL OFFENDER REHABILITATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION
16 PROGRAM SO I'M QUITE FAMILIAR AND VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE
17 POSSIBILITIES HERE IN L.A. I HAVE WORKED ALSO FOR 11 YEARS AT
18 CAMP DAVID GONZALEZ, HOPING TO IMPROVE THE OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH
19 IN OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND I JUST URGE YOU AS YOU'RE
20 VOTING TODAY TO THINK ABOUT THOUSANDS OF L.A. CHILDREN WHO
21 SLEEP IN DECREPIT DICKENSIAN FACILITIES THAT DO NOT MEET EVEN
22 BASIC C.S.A. MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CONDITIONS. IF THEY WEREN'T
23 GRANDFATHERED, THEY'D BE CLOSED. THIS IS A TREMENDOUS
24 OPPORTUNITY TO ACCEPT \$28 MILLION FROM THE STATE TO BUILD A
25 STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY. THE CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY



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1 IS IN BUSINESS TO HELP COUNTIES PROVIDE BETTER CORRECTION
2 PRACTICE AND ARE COMPLETELY REASONABLE WHEN IT COMES TO
3 NECESSARY CHANGES OR IF IT SHOULD BE A COUNTY THAT WOULD HAVE
4 TO PULL OUT ALL TOGETHER. I HOPE WE DON'T DO THAT. I HOPE THIS
5 VOTE TODAY WILL BEGIN A PLANNING PROCESS THAT WILL RESULT IN A
6 STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

7

8 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DID THEY HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY? OR ARE
9 THEY ARE JUST RESOURCE?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THEY ARE HERE AS A RESOURCE.

12

13 **CAROL BIONDI:** I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T HEAR WHAT HE SAID.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, I'LL GO AHEAD. I MEAN OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE
16 STAFF HERE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND CORRECTIONAL
17 SERVICE AUTHORITY, SO HOPEFULLY WE CAN CLARIFY A FEW THINGS ON
18 THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. OBVIOUSLY THE PROGRAMMATIC BENEFIT OF
19 HAVING A FACILITY LIKE THIS IS REALLY NOT THE ISSUE HERE BUT
20 IT'S ABOUT GETTING ASSURANCES THAT WE HAVE THIS FLEXIBILITY
21 THAT WE KEEP TALKING ABOUT TO JUDGE DOWN THE ROAD WHETHER OR
22 NOT IT'S FEASIBLE TO PURSUE THIS PROJECT. SO MAYBE YOU COULD,
23 FROM A STATE LEVEL, SORT OF ARTICULATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO
24 WORK WITH US ON THIS WHOLE ISSUE AND AS IT RELATES TO CAMP
25 GONZALEZ.



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2 **BOB TAKESHTA:** I WANT TO BE CERTAIN I UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION,
3 THIS QUESTION REGARDING THE SITING OF THE NEW FACILITY ON CAMP
4 GONZALEZ?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK THAT ISSUE AND THE ISSUE BY ACCEPTING THIS
7 GRANT TODAY PUTS US UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
8 CONSTRUCTION IF THE STATE FUNDING IS NOT AVAILABLE.

9

10 **BOB TAKESHTA:** YOU ARE CORRECT THAT YOU WOULD NOT BE OBLIGATED
11 TO REPAY ANYTHING. IN OTHER WORDS, FOR EXAMPLE, LIKE YOUR HARD
12 MATCH, THE HARD CASH MATCH THAT THE COUNTY WOULD PUT FORTH
13 UNTIL STATE FINANCING WAS ACTUALLY PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY AND
14 YOU WERE DRAWING ON THAT MONEY. SO UP UNTIL THAT MOMENT, YOU
15 COULD WITHDRAW.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** SO OBVIOUSLY, THEN, WE COULD PULL THE PLUG ON THIS
18 AT ANY TIME SHOULD THINGS GO SOUTH WITH THE BUDGET AND
19 EVERYTHING ELSE.

20

21 **BOB TAKESHTA:** YES.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING I ALSO NEED TO AMEND THE
24 MOTION TO CLARIFY THAT WE HAVE SITE CONTROL OF CAMP GONZALES.
25 AM I CORRECT ON THAT?



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2 **BOB TAKESHTA:** YES.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** IN OUR MOTION WE'D FURTHER MOVE TO AUTHORIZE THE
5 MAYOR TO SIGN THE SITE ASSURANCE RESOLUTION INDICATING THAT
6 THE COUNTY HAS PROJECT SITE CONTROL OF CAMP GONZALES, THE
7 INTENDED SITE OF THIS FACILITY AS REQUIRED BY THE GRANT.

8

9 **BOB TAKESHTA:** THAT'S CORRECT. THAT'S ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS
10 OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** SO WITH THAT, I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS.
13 IT'S BEEN WELL-DEFINED. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS A LONG TIME.
14 WE'VE GOT A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE INCARCERATED IN OUR HALLS AND
15 CAMPS. AND I THINK THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A VERY
16 POSITIVE IMPACT. A LOT OF US HAVE MADE A LOT OF NOISE OVER THE
17 YEARS ABOUT HOW WE'D LIKE TO TREAT SOME OF THESE ISSUES UP TO
18 AND INCLUDING OPERATION READ AND MANY OF THE OTHERS. AND I
19 THINK THIS JUST PROVIDES US A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE
20 FORWARD. AND MR. MAYOR, WITH THAT AMENDMENT, I'D MOVE THE ITEM
21 FORWARD.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT'S THE AMENDMENT?

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THE AMENDMENT IS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A
2 SITE ASSURANCE RESOLUTION INDICATING THE COUNTY HAS THE
3 PROJECT SITE CONTROL OF CAMP GONZALES. IT'S A LEGAL
4 REQUIREMENT. THE INTENDED SITE OF THE FACILITY IS REQUIRED BY
5 THE GRANT.

6

7 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. BUT SUPERVISOR
8 YAROSLAVSKY?

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD I JUST ASK DIRECTOR BLEVINS TO SPEAK
11 ON THIS GRANT? SIGNIFICANCE OF IT? SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
12 PROJECT, ET CETERA.

13

14 **DON BLEVINS:** SURE. THIS GRANT ACTUALLY GOES BACK TO 2007 WHEN
15 S.B.81 WAS PASSED. IF YOU RECALL, THAT LEGISLATION MEANT THAT
16 WE COULD NO LONGER SEND NON-707(B) YOUTH TO THE D.J.J.
17 FACILITY.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST FOR THE UNINITIATED. NON-707(B) MEANS?

20

21 **DON BLEVINS:** IT MEANS THE LOWER RISK OFFENDERS, NOT THE
22 HIGHEST RISK OFFENDERS. SO OUR OBLIGATION WAS TO KEEP THOSE
23 KIDS HERE LOCALLY. THAT LEGISLATION ALSO INCLUDED \$100 MILLION
24 IN CONSTRUCTION MONEY. AND THE COUNTY OF L.A. DID APPLY FOR
25 THE FIRST ROUND OF FUNDING AND WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN RECEIVING



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1 ANY FUNDING. AND WE HAD ASKED FOR \$28 MILLION. I THINK IT WAS
2 IN JANUARY OF 2009. PART OF THE PROBLEM WAS THE ISSUE OF THE
3 PLAN BROUGHT FORWARD BY L.A. COUNTY INCLUDED 120 WET ROOMS.
4 AND THAT'S NOT THE RECOMMENDATION WE WOULD WANT TO MAKE TODAY
5 SIMPLY BECAUSE THAT'S NOT CONDUCTIVE TO GOOD PROGRAMMING AND
6 REHABILITATION AND NOT IN LINE WITH WHAT THE DESIGN OF THESE
7 FACILITIES ARE. WITH THE PASSAGE OF A.B.1628 IN OCTOBER OF
8 LAST YEAR, THE STATE ADDED ANOTHER \$200 MILLION IN
9 CONSTRUCTION FUNDING TO THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL. AND THIS TIME
10 WHEN WE WENT UP THERE, THE C.S.A. BOARD VOTED TO FUND ALL OF
11 THE PROGRAMS THAT HAD SUBMITTED PROPOSALS IN THE FIRST PHASE.
12 SO SINCE L.A. WAS PART OF THE FIRST PHASE AND WE ASKED FOR \$28
13 MILLION, WE WERE GRANTED THAT \$28 MILLION. AT THAT TIME, I GOT
14 THE ASSURANCES FROM C.S.A. AND I THINK I STILL HAVE THE
15 ASSURANCES TODAY THAT REMOVING THOSE WET ROOMS IS NOT AN
16 IMPEDIMENT TO BUILDING THIS FACILITY. WE CAN DO THAT. BUT ALSO
17 EVEN THOUGH WE ARE ASKING TO ACCEPT THE FUNDS WITH THE CAVEAT
18 OF LOCATING THIS FACILITY AT CAMP GONZALEZ, IT DOES NOT
19 PRECLUDE US IF WE LOOK AT OTHER OPTIONS AND DECIDE MAYBE A
20 BETTER SITE IS MORE OPTIMUM FOR THIS THAT WE CAN CHANGE OUR
21 MIND DOWN THE ROAD AND IT STILL WOULD NOT IMPACT THE FUNDING.
22 I'VE ACTUALLY LOOKED AT THIS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE
23 IN OUR COUNTY IS A NUMBER OF FACILITIES THAT ARE OLD AND HAVE
24 A LOT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEMS. WE'VE DONE AN ASSESSMENT OF
25 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEMS WITH ALL OF OUR CAMPS, AND I'VE



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1 IDENTIFIED A TOTAL OF ABOUT \$122 MILLION OF REPAIRS THAT WILL
2 BE NEEDED TO BE DONE OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS. IRONICALLY, I'VE
3 IDENTIFIED TWO CAMPS THAT ARE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE, CAMPS
4 KILPATRICK AND MILLER. WHEN I LOOK AT THE INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS
5 AND MAINTENANCE COSTS FOR THOSE TWO FACILITIES, IT ADDS UP TO
6 \$38 MILLION. SO I MAY OPT TO PROPOSE THAT WE LOOK AT BUILDING
7 THIS FACILITY THERE. THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS PROPOSAL TODAY
8 THAT WOULD PRECLUDE US FROM DOING THAT. BUT ACCEPTING THE
9 MONEY TODAY AT LEAST LOCKS IN THE FUNDING AND GIVES US THE
10 OPTION DOWN THE ROAD OF LOOKING AT OTHER OPTIONS.

11
12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND JUST FROM A 30,000-FOOT VIEW, WHY DO YOU
13 SUPPORT THIS? AND WHY DOES THE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT THIS?

14
15 **DON BLEVINS:** WELL BESIDES BUILDING A NEW FACILITY, THE
16 DIRECTION THE DEPARTMENT IS GOING TOWARDS IS EVIDENCE-BASED
17 TREATMENT WITHIN OUR FACILITIES. ESSENTIALLY THE BEST MODEL
18 FOR TREATMENT IS SMALLER COTTAGES OF 30 WARDS OR LESS SO THAT
19 YOU CAN NOT ONLY HAVE SMALLER TREATMENT GROUPS BUT YOU CAN
20 SEGREGATE THE KIDS IN THE COTTAGES BASED ON RISK AND NEED THAT
21 YOU FIND FROM DOING YOUR UPFRONT ASSESSMENTS. ALL OF OUR
22 CURRENT FACILITIES HAVE BIG OPEN DORM SETTINGS, 80 TO 100-BED
23 DORMS, WHICH IS -- YOU CAN DO PROGRAMMING AND TREATMENT, BUT
24 YOU RUN INTO MANY IMPEDIMENTS WHEN YOU HAVE GROUPS THAT LARGE.
25 AND IF YOU DROP THE NUMBER OF KIDS IN THOSE DORMS DOWN TO 20



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1 OR 30, THEN YOU HAVE UNDERUTILIZED THE CAPACITY OF OUR
2 FACILITY. SO THIS NEW FACILITY WOULD BE A MUCH MORE EFFICIENT
3 WAY OF TREATING THE KIDS IN OUR SYSTEM.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL RESERVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS UNTIL AFTER
6 EVERYBODY ELSE HAS BEEN HEARD.

7

8 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND, THIS IS
9 A STATE GRANT FROM THE CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY TO
10 BUILD THIS FACILITY. BUT THE STATE'S GOING TO PAY 75 PERCENT
11 WITH THE REMAINING COMING FROM THE COUNTY FUNDS. SO THE 28
12 MILLION FROM THE STATE, 12.8 MILLION FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL
13 FUND. BUT THE GRANT WORKS ON A REIMBURSEMENT BASIS, AND THE
14 COUNTY POLICY IS TO IDENTIFY THE FULL COSTS OF A PROJECT IN
15 CASE THE FUNDING DOESN'T COME. SO IN THIS CASE, THE MOTION IS
16 ESSENTIALLY DIRECTING THE C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY \$40.88 MILLION OF
17 GENERAL FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT. THE GRANT ALSO REQUIRES OUR
18 COUNTY TO PROVIDE GROUND LEASE OF OUR CAMP TO THE STATE FOR UP
19 TO 35 YEARS, WHICH THE STATE WILL USE THEN TO SELL BONDS TO
20 PAY FOR THEIR SHARE OF THE PROJECT. AND OUR C.E.O. HAS STATED
21 THAT HE IS OPPOSED TO THIS PROJECT. AND WE CONCUR WITH THAT.
22 AND THE QUESTION IS, I JUST HAD A BRIEFING YESTERDAY ON A
23 TRANSPORTATION ISSUE FROM ONE OF THE -- THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
24 OF THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST, AND ALSO WE HAD ANOTHER MEETING
25 FROM HUSSAN FROM SCAG THAT THE STATE IS NOW WITHHOLDING THE



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1 RELEASING OF BONDS OR SELLING OF BONDS. THAT'S IMPACTING OUR
2 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK. SO IF THE STATE IS NOT SELLING THE
3 BONDS FOR TRANSPORTATION, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THEY'RE GOING
4 TO SELL THE BONDS FOR THIS PROPOSAL. AND IF THEY DON'T, THEN
5 WE ARE LEFT ON THE HOOK FROM OUR GENERAL FUND FOR NEARLY \$41
6 MILLION. WHILE THE POOLED MONEY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT WHICH FUNDS
7 THESE BONDS FUNDED PROJECTS CLAIMS THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS
8 FOR THE PROJECT, THE STATE HAS THE ABILITY TO FREEZE
9 DISBURSEMENTS OUT OF THE ACCOUNT WHICH THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE
10 IN THE PAST. SO IT'S NOT A FIRST TIME BECAUSE OF CASH FLOW
11 THAT THEY PUT A FREEZE ON THESE TYPES OF FUNDS. SO THERE ARE
12 ADDITIONAL UNCERTAINTIES RELATIVE TO THE COUNTY. AND THIS IS A
13 VERY FINANCIAL OBLIGATION AGAIN OF GENERAL FUND DOLLARS. SO
14 EVERY WEEK FOR THE PAST WEEK WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING THE STATE'S
15 FISCAL CRISIS AND YOU HEARD IT THIS MORNING WHEN WE HAD AN
16 ELABORATE DISCUSSION ON REALIGNMENT. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
17 HAS A DEFICIT IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND ALREADY MAY HAVE
18 TO SHUT DOWN SOME CAMPS UNDER THE CURRENT STATUS. THE STATE
19 HAS ITS OWN \$25 BILLION DEFICIT, AND WE ARE TRUSTING THEM TO
20 SELL MORE BONDS TO PAY FOR THIS FACILITY. SO THE ACCOUNT FROM
21 WHICH THE STATE PROPOSES TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY AND TRY TO
22 SELL BONDS AGAINST OUR LAND CAN AND HAS BEEN FROZEN BEFORE, AS
23 I STATED. SO EVEN IF THE STATE WOULD REIMBURSE US FOR 75
24 PERCENT OF THAT COST, IT'S STILL REQUIRING \$12 MILLION OUT OF
25 OUR COUNTY GENERAL FUND THAT AT THIS FINANCIAL CLIMATE IS VERY



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1 DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY. SO MR. BLEVINS, IF THE STATE FUNDING FOR
2 OUR CURRENT CAMP OPERATIONS DRIES UP IN JULY, HOW MANY CAMPS
3 WOULD YOU HAVE TO CLOSE?

4

5 **DON BLEVINS:** WE HAVE TWO THAT WE ARE PROPOSING TO CLOSE NOW,
6 BUT IF THE STATE DRIES UP, WE COULD CLOSE AS MANY AS 12 CAMPS.

7

8 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AS MANY AS 12 CAMPS UNDER THE STATUS
9 QUO. WHERE WOULD THIS PROJECT BE LOCATED IF IT WAS TO BE
10 APPROVED?

11

12 **DON BLEVINS:** IT'S CURRENTLY TO BE CITED AT CAMP GONZALES. BUT
13 WE HAVE THE OPTION OF LOOKING AT OTHER SITES WITHIN THE
14 COUNTY.

15

16 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO AT MALIBU AT THE CAMP GONZALES.

17

18 **DON BLEVINS:** YES.

19

20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE OVER A \$40
21 MILLION DEFICIT IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

22

23 **DON BLEVINS:** WELL, 25 MILLION OF THAT WAS ROLLED OVER FROM
24 LAST YEAR'S BUDGET THAT WAS BECAUSE OF REVENUE SHORTFALL FROM
25 OUR STATE GRANTS.



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2 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO YOU INHERITED THAT FROM LAST YEAR.
3 SO IF WE COULD GIVE YOU A CHECK FOR \$12 MILLION OR \$40 MILLION
4 TODAY, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY FOR THE USE OF
5 THOSE FUNDS?

6

7 **DON BLEVINS:** I WOULD HAVE TO SAY OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY RIGHT
8 NOW IS TO MEET THE D.O.J. PROVISIONS WITHIN OUR CAMP SYSTEM.
9 SO IMPROVE THE TREATMENT AND OPERATIONS OF OUR FACILITIES AND
10 IMPROVE THE SERVICES FOR THE KIDS IN OUR FACILITIES.

11

12 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND DO YOU KNOW THE REPERCUSSIONS IF
13 WE HAVE A D.O.J. FAILURE AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD
14 WITH ALL THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO MEET THOSE CONCERNS AND
15 ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS. AND, AGAIN, THIS WOULD TAKE AWAY FROM
16 THAT EFFORT AND WITH THOSE CONSEQUENCES ARE QUITE SEVERE FOR
17 THE COUNTY. MR. FUJIOKA, THIS GRANT HAS BEEN CONDITIONALLY
18 AWARDED TO 14 COUNTIES, INCLUDING OUR COUNTY. JUST OVER \$232
19 MILLION. WHAT IS THE STATE'S BOND RATING AND ARE THEY ABLE TO
20 SELL THESE BONDS?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I BELIEVE IT'S A TRIPLE B AT THIS POINT IN
23 TIME. WHETHER OR NOT THEY CAN SELL RIGHT NOW, I THINK IT WOULD
24 BE DIFFICULT UNTIL THEY ACTUALLY TAKE AN ACTION ON THE STATE
25 BUDGET AND ACTION ON THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET. SO TODAY



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1 MAY BE DIFFICULT. ON A GO-FORWARD BASIS, ONCE THEY RESOLVE THE
2 BUDGET, THEY'D BE IN A BETTER PLACE.

3

4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT POLICY WHEN IT
5 COMES TO GRANT-FUNDED PROJECTS LIKE THE ONE WE'RE TALKING
6 ABOUT THIS MORNING?

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NORMALLY WHEN WE HAVE A PROJECT OF THIS TYPE,
9 WE ASK THAT WE IDENTIFY THE FUNDS, ESPECIALLY THIS TYPE
10 BECAUSE IT'S A REIMBURSEMENT GRANT FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND. IS
11 WE IDENTIFY THE FUNDS UP FRONT AND WE ESTABLISH THE
12 APPROPRIATE ACCRUAL WITH AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

13

14 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND ARE THERE COSTS THAT WOULD NOT BE
15 REIMBURSED BY THE STATE APART FROM OUR MATCH?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THERE'S ABOUT \$12 MILLION. THERE ARE SOME SOFT
18 COSTS. COSTS SUCH AS DESIGN, THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION,
19 PROJECT MANAGEMENT, THE ON-SITE INSPECTIONS BY THE VARIOUS
20 TRADES THAT WOULD NOT BE COVERED BY THIS BOND.

21

22 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO DO WE HAVE ANY GUARANTEE THAT THIS
23 ACCOUNT WOULD NOT BE FROZEN AGAIN AS THE STATE HAS DONE IN THE
24 PAST FOR THIS PROJECT?

25



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NO.

2

3 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND ARE YOU SEEKING AN EXTENSION OF
4 THE MARCH 8 DEADLINE FROM THE C.S.A.?

5

6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WAS MY PRINCIPAL CONCERN. I THINK IN A
7 PERFECT WORLD, IF OUR FINANCES WERE SOLID AND WITH THAT THE
8 PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S FINANCES WERE SOLID, THIS WOULD BE A
9 GOOD OPPORTUNITY. WHAT I ASKED AND WHAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING
10 ABOUT THE LAST FEW WEEKS AND I BELIEVE WE APPROACHED THE STATE
11 -- I KNOW MR. TAKESHTA, WE TALKED TO YOU -- ABOUT THE
12 POSSIBILITY OF REQUESTING AND RECEIVING AN EXTENSION SO THAT
13 WE CAN SEE WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE STATE BUDGET, IF IN FACT THE
14 STATE IS SUCCESSFUL ABOUT NOT ONLY PASSING A BALANCED BUDGET
15 BUT ALSO EXTENDING THE TWO PRINCIPAL REVENUE SOURCES, V.L.F.
16 AND SALES TAX COME JUNE. THAT'S REAL IMPORTANT. WE WANTED TO
17 SEE THAT. AND THEN FROM THAT POINT WE HAVE A CLEARER PICTURE
18 ON ONLY THEIR FINANCES, BUT AT THAT POINT IN TIME, IN JUNE OR
19 JULY, WE'D HAVE A MUCH CLEARER PICTURE ON OUR FINANCES.

20

21 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT HAPPENS IF WE WERE CONFINED
22 TO THE MARCH 8 DEADLINE? WHAT HAPPENS? WHAT ACTIONS DO YOU
23 HAVE TO TAKE?

24



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ONE, WE'D HAVE TO TRANSFER TITLE OF THE LAND.

2 I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE TO DO THAT BY NEXT WEEK, BY THE EIGHTH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BY NEXT TUESDAY.

5

6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BY NEXT WEEK TRANSFER TITLE OF THE LAND TO
7 YOU, RIGHT?

8

9 **DEAN BORG:** EXCUSE ME. DEAN BORG, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND
10 REHABILITATION. I BELIEVE THAT ALL THAT'S NECESSARY BY JUNE 8
11 IS AN ASSURANCE THAT THE SITE OWNERSHIP IS OWNED BY THE
12 COUNTY. AND THAT'S ALL THAT'S NECESSARY AT THIS FIRST STAGE.
13 THE ACTUAL LEASE, IT'S NOT A DEED. A LEASING OF THE LAND WOULD
14 NOT OCCUR UNTIL LATER IN THE PROCESS AS WE'RE GETTING THE
15 POINT OF PREPARING TO GO OUT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION BID.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND. SO ON THAT NOTE, THAT WOULD BE
18 RELATIVELY EASY FOR US TO ACHIEVE. AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE
19 WOULD HAVE TO IDENTIFY THE FULL COSTS OF THE PROJECT. THE
20 \$40.8 MILLION FOR THE PROJECT.

21

22 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT DO WE HAVE TO COMMIT TO THE LEASE
23 BY MARCH 8?

24



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NO. HE JUST SAID, JUST IDENTIFY THAT WE IN
2 FACT OWN THE LAND.

3

4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE STATE FAILED
5 TO COME THROUGH WITH THE FUNDS AFTER CONSTRUCTION BEGAN? DO WE
6 STOP CONSTRUCTION? OR WHAT DO WE DO?

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL IF WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF CONSTRUCTION, I
9 UNDERSTAND THE WAY THIS THING IS STRUCTURED THAT LIKE ANY
10 OTHER PROJECT, WE WOULD HAVE COMPLETED DESIGN, ALL THE
11 ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS, OUR PROJECT MANAGEMENT WOULD BE IN
12 PLACE, SO SOFT COSTS WOULD BE MORE OR LESS IF NOT FULLY, BUT
13 SUBSTANTIALLY EXPENDED. WE'D BE IN THE MIDDLE OF CONSTRUCTION.
14 AND THEN I THINK AS WE PROGRESS, THEN YOUR REIMBURSEMENT
15 STARTS, SO WE WOULD HAVE ALREADY -- MR. TAKESHTA, COULD YOU
16 CLARIFY THAT, PLEASE?

17

18 **BOB TAKESHTA:** I THINK MR. LIEF WOULD LIKE TO.

19

20 **CHRIS LIEF:** I CAN TALK TO THAT POINT. SO BEFORE WE -- BEFORE
21 THE STATE WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
22 CONSTRUCTION, WE WOULD HAVE ALREADY SECURED OUR INTERIM LOAN
23 TO PAY THE STATE'S SHARE OF THE PROCESS -- OF THE PROJECT. SO
24 WE DON'T SEE IT AS -- ONCE WE REACH THAT POINT, IT'S EXTREMELY
25 UNLIKELY THAT THE STATE FUNDING WOULDN'T BE THERE.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE WOULD HAVE EXPENDED MONEY FOR DESIGN AND
3 SOME OF THE OTHER SOFT COST, RIGHT?

4

5 **CHRIS LIEF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ON THIS POINT? DOES THAT MEAN
8 THAT THE INTERIM LOAN COMES TO THE COUNTY? I'M OVER HERE. THE
9 INTERIM LOAN COMES FROM THE STATE TO THE COUNTY? FROM THAT
10 FUND?

11

12 **CHRIS LIEF:** THE LOAN IS ACTUALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION. THE COUNTY RECEIVES
14 REIMBURSEMENTS FOR COSTS, CONSTRUCTION COSTS THAT IT INCURS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT MONEY, ONCE IT GOES TO THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, IT FLOWS, AS WE INCUR EXPENSES,
18 IT'S REIMBURSED; IS THAT RIGHT?

19

20 **CHRIS LIEF:** RIGHT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHERE DOES THE BOND COME IN?

23

24 **CHRIS LIEF:** THE BONDS ARE LIKELY TO BE SOLD AT THE, TOWARDS
25 THE END OF THE PROJECT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT REIMBURSES YOU, THE P.M.I.A. FUND?

3

4 **CHRIS LIEF:** EXACTLY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'RE NOT DEPENDENT ON THE BONDS, YOU ARE,
7 ESSENTIALLY. BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO DIP INTO THAT \$71 BILLION
8 FUND, P.M.I.A., WHATEVER THAT STANDS FOR, TO GET THE
9 CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT THE MONEY TO SEND OUR WAY, CORRECT?

10

11 **CHRIS LIEF:** RIGHT. THE POOLED MONEY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** POOLED MONEY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

14

15 **CHRIS LIEF:** AND THE BOARD INVESTS THE FUNDS IN THAT ACCOUNT.
16 AND ONE OF THE ALLOWABLE INVESTMENTS IS INTERIM FINANCING FOR
17 THESE LEASE REVENUE FUNDED PROJECTS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IF THE BONDS AREN'T SOLD FOR WHATEVER
20 REASON DOWN THE LINE, WE'RE NOT AT RISK. YOU'VE ALREADY FUNDED
21 US.

22

23 **CHRIS LIEF:** CORRECT. YOU DON'T RECEIVE A LOAN. YOU'RE
24 RECEIVING REIMBURSEMENTS. SO IF THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED AND



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1 THE STATE FOR WHATEVER REASON FINDS IT CAN'T ISSUE BONDS AT
2 THAT POINT, THAT'S NO IMPACT ON THE COUNTY'S PROJECT.

3

4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT IF THE STATE FREEZES, AS THEY'VE
5 DONE IN THE PAST, THE POOL MONEY, WHAT DO WE DO?

6

7 **CHRIS LIEF:** WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT THE POOL DID FREEZE IN
8 DECEMBER 2008. SINCE THEN, THE POOL HAS CHANGED THEIR POLICIES
9 WITH HOW THEY USE THESE INTERIM FINANCING LOANS. FOR EXAMPLE,
10 BACK IN 2008, THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE POOLED LOANS WERE FOR
11 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECTS. AND THE STATE TREASURER HAS
12 SINCE DETERMINED THAT THEY WILL NOT DO POOLED MONEY LOANS FOR
13 THOSE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECTS. RATHER, THEY HAVE
14 SWITCHED AND SAID THEY ARE SELLING THE BONDS FIRST AND FUNDING
15 THE PROJECTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS.

16

17 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND IF THEY DON'T SELL THE BONDS, THEN
18 WHAT?

19

20 **CHRIS LIEF:** WELL, IF THEY DON'T SELL THE BONDS, THEN PROJECTS
21 DON'T START FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECTS. FOR
22 LEASE REVENUE PROJECTS --

23

24 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF WE START IT, WHAT DO WE DO? DO WE
25 STOP?



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WE WOULDN'T START UNLESS THE MONEY WAS THERE.

3

4 **CHRIS LIEF:** THIS IS A LITTLE BIT CONFUSING. BUT THERE ARE TWO
5 BASIC TYPES OF BONDS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. GENERAL
6 OBLIGATION BONDS, WHICH ARE BACKED BY THE GENERAL REVENUES OF
7 THE STATE. AND THEN WE HAVE LEASE REVENUE BONDS, WHICH IS WHAT
8 THE S.B.81 PROGRAM USES, WHICH ARE FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS,
9 SPECIFIC FOOTPRINTS. AND THERE ARE LEASE RELATIONSHIPS THAT
10 BACK THE REPAYMENT OF THOSE BONDS. FOR THE LEASE REVENUE
11 BONDS, WE ARE STILL USING THE POOLED MONEY MECHANISM. AND FOR
12 THE LOCAL PROJECTS, WE WOULDN'T BE SELLING BONDS UNTIL AFTER
13 THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED OR WHEN THE PROJECT IS VERY NEARLY
14 COMPLETED.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. FUJIOKA, WHAT IS OUR POLICY? DO WE
17 STOP OR DO WE COMPLETE THE PROJECT IF CONSTRUCTION BEGINS?

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WOULD THINK AT THAT TIME, GIVEN THAT WE
20 STARTED THE PROJECT, WE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE DEMOLISHED THE
21 OLDER BUILDINGS. AND I WOULD THINK THAT WE WOULD FINISH THE
22 PROJECT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SOMEHOW THE REVELATION OF THE
25 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS THAT ARE NOW BEING IMPACTED BY THE



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1 FAILURE OF THE STATE TO SELL THESE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
2 MECHANISMS, THAT DECISION HAS BEEN MADE. WHAT GUARANTEE THAT
3 THESE BONDS WILL NOT BE IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS THE OTHER
4 BONDS IN THIS FISCAL ENVIRONMENT WE'RE IN NOW?

5

6 **CHRIS LEIF:** THE TRANSPORTATION BONDS THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
7 ARE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. AND THE DECISION TO NOT SELL
8 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS THIS SPRING, MY UNDERSTANDING IS IT
9 DOESN'T AFFECT ANY CURRENT PROJECTS. IT ONLY AFFECTED NEW
10 PROJECTS. AND THE STATE, AS FAR AS I KNOW, INTENDS TO SELL
11 BONDS IN THE FALL FOR THOSE PROJECTS. THERE IS SUFFICIENT CASH
12 FOR ALL EXISTING PROJECTS.

13

14 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT AGAIN THERE'S NO GUARANTEE. AND IF
15 WE START A PROJECT, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A GUARANTEE THAT
16 WE'RE GOING TO BE REIMBURSED FOR IT BECAUSE IT'S COMING OUT OF
17 THE GENERAL FUND. AND THAT'S ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT'S BEING
18 RAISED IN THIS. MR. FUJIOKA, IF THIS MOTION WOULD PASS, YOU
19 WOULD HAVE TO IDENTIFY NET COUNTY COSTS AND THEN REPORT BACK
20 WITH THE PROBATION CHIEF AND PUBLIC WORKS WITH PROGRESS
21 REPORTS EVERY 60 DAYS. SO WHAT'S THE PROGRESS YOU'RE SUPPOSED
22 TO REPORT ON? FINDING THE MONEY OR THE CONSTRUCTION?

23



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK IT WOULD BE A COMBINATION. I'LL PLAN
2 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION BUT ALSO IDENTIFYING THE 40, ALMOST 40.1
3 MILLION, ABOUT \$41 MILLION FOR THIS PROJECT.

4

5 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOES THIS REQUIRE YOU TO OR AUTHORIZE
6 YOU TO MOVE FUNDS THAT WOULD REQUIRE FUTURE BOARD ACTIONS ON
7 THE FUNDING MECHANISM?

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WOULD BE REQUIRED TO COME BACK TO THIS BOARD
10 FOR THE APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY.

11

12 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHICH IS A FOUR-VOTE ITEM.

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES.

15

16 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THIS ACTION TODAY IS NOT A FOUR-
17 VOTE ITEM?

18

19 **ANDREA ORDIN COUNSEL:** NO, IT IS NOT. BECAUSE AT THIS POINT, IT
20 IS BASICALLY A MOTION ONLY TO FREEZE THOSE FUNDS WITHIN THE
21 STATE, AND WE ARE NOT ALLOCATING OR DIRECTING THE EXPENDITURE.

22

23 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT ARE WE NOT TAKING ACTION TO LEASE
24 OUR PROPERTY OR GIVE OUR PROPERTY TO THE STATE?

25



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1 **ANDREA ORDIN:** NO. ESPECIALLY AS IT'S BEEN REWORDED, ALL THE
2 STATE IS REQUIRING AT THIS MOMENT IS TO SIGN AN ASSURANCE
3 RESOLUTION THAT WE HAVE THE PROJECT SITE AVAILABLE.

4

5 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT IS THAT NOT A FOUR-VOTE ITEM WHEN
6 IT TALKS ABOUT COUNTY PROPERTIES? I KNOW THERE ARE CERTAIN
7 ACTIONS THAT REQUIRE FIVE VOTES WHEN WE TALK ABOUT COUNTY
8 PROPERTIES WHEN WE SELL. BUT HERE WHEN WE HAVE A LEASE, THAT'S
9 A LONG-TERM LEASE, 35 YEARS. THAT'S AS GOOD AS SELLING.

10

11 **ANDREA ORDIN:** CERTAINLY IF WE WERE SIGNING A LONG-TERM LEASE,
12 IT WOULD COME INTO SOME OF THE AREAS THAT YOU'RE CONCERNED
13 ABOUT. BUT THAT'S NOT WE'RE DOING TODAY ACCORDING TO THIS
14 MOTION.

15

16 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT THE LEASE IS NOT FOR ONE YEAR.
17 IT'S UP TO 35 YEARS. SO WHY WOULD THAT NOT QUALIFY FOR A FOUR-
18 VOTE?

19

20 **ANDREA ORDIN:** WHEN AND IF THE LEASE COMES BEFORE THIS BOARD,
21 WE WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER THAT WAS THE TYPE OF EXPENDITURE
22 THAT REQUIRES -- OR DISBURSEMENT THAT REQUIRES FOUR VOTES. THE
23 FOUR VOTES DOES TALK ABOUT DOLLARS, DISBURSEMENTS. BUT IN ANY
24 EVENT, NOW, THIS MOTION, AT LEAST, DOES NOT REQUIRE SIGNING OF
25 A LEASE.



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2 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THIS MOTION IS ONLY A REPORT BACK?
3 THERE'S NO COMMITMENT BY THE BOARD TO ANY FUNDING OR GIVING OF
4 PROPERTY?

5

6 **ANDREA ORDIN:** NO. THIS MOTION, AS I UNDERSTAND THIS MOTION, IS
7 THAT IT WILL FREEZE THE FUNDS FROM THE STATE. THEY WILL REMAIN
8 WITH THE STATE. BUT WE ARE ACCEPTING THOSE FUNDS. BUT THAT
9 DOES NOT REQUIRE FOUR VOTES. TO ACCEPT THOSE FUNDS, BECAUSE
10 THEY'RE NOT ALLOCATED YET TO BUILD THAT FACILITY, TO
11 CONSTRUCT, TO SIGN A LEASE.

12

13 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO ARE WE FREE TO SPEND THOSE FUNDS
14 ON, LET'S SAY, MEETING D.O.J. REQUIREMENTS?

15

16 **ANDREA ORDIN:** THE FUNDS DON'T MOVE TO US. I MEAN THEY STAY
17 WITH THE STATE. THEY ARE JUST FROZEN IN THE STATE FOR US IF
18 ALL OF THESE OTHER CONDITIONS ARE MET.

19

20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BILL, DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS CONTAINED IN
21 THE SITE ASSURANCE RESOLUTION THAT I WOULD HAVE TO SIGN?

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** FROM WHAT THIS GENTLEMAN STATED, IT'S JUST TO
24 VERIFY THAT WE IN FACT WE OWN THE LAND, RIGHT?

25



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1 **CHRIS LIEF:** CORRECT, YES.

2

3 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT APPEARS THAT'S IT.

4

5 **CAROL BIONDI:** I GAVE YOU MIXED LANGUAGE.

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S NOT SIGNING OVER THE LAND TO YOU.

8

9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF THIS MOTION PASSED TODAY, IT DOES
10 NOT BIND US TO START CONSTRUCTION? IT JUST MERELY SIGNALS AN
11 INTEREST?

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I BELIEVE IT SIGNALS MORE THAN AN INTEREST.
14 ACCEPTANCE, RIGHT?

15

16 **BOB TAKESHTA:** ACCEPT. BUT IT DOESN'T OBLIGATE THE COUNTY.

17

18 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF YOU'RE ACCEPTING IT, IT MEANS
19 YOU'RE ACCEPTING THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** THEY SAID IT EARLIER. IT DOESN'T OBLIGATE US. WE
22 CAN PULL THE PLUG AT ANY TIME. THEY MADE IT VERY CLEAR.

23

24 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO YOU'RE ACCEPTING A MULTI-MILLION
25 DOLLAR ITEM WHEN THE DEPARTMENT ALREADY HAS A \$40 MILLION



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1 DEFICIT ADDING TO THAT COST. SO MR. FUJIOKA, DO YOU SUPPORT
2 MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT?

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** EARLIER I STATED THAT BECAUSE THE UNCERTAINTY
5 RELATED TO THE STATE'S BUDGET AND ALSO OUR OWN FINANCES AS
6 IMPACTED BY THE STATE BUDGET, I THINK IT WOULD BE PRUDENT ON
7 OUR PART TO REQUEST THE STATE, AND THEY HAVE ALREADY INDICATED
8 THEIR WILLINGNESS TO GIVE US AN EXTENSION, TO REQUEST AN
9 EXTENSION UNTIL AT LEAST JULY. AND THEN WE CAN COME BACK IN
10 JULY ONCE THE STATE HAS FINALIZED ITS BUDGET. WE KNOW WITH
11 MORE CERTAINTY WHERE THEY'RE AT. AND BY JULY WE'LL ALSO KNOW
12 EXACTLY -- WELL NOT EXACTLY BUT TO A LARGE EXTENT WHERE WE'RE
13 AT WITH OUR BUDGET AND WE'D BE IN A MUCH BETTER PICTURE.
14 BECAUSE PRIOR TO JULY, IT'S MY INTENT TO COME BACK TO THIS
15 BOARD, WORKING WITH CHIEF BLEVINS ON A PLAN TO CLOSE THE
16 PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S DEFICIT. SO ONCE WE HAVE ALL THAT
17 INFORMATION, THEN WE CAN MAKE THIS DECISION IN A PROPER
18 CONTEXT. WE WILL BE COMING BACK WITHIN 30 DAYS.

19

20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO YOU WOULD SUPPORT CONTINUING THIS
21 ITEM?

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT CONTINUED UNTIL -- WELL
24 NOT CONTINUED. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE STATE IF THEY WOULD
25 GRANT US AN EXTENSION TO ACCEPT THIS GRANT TO THE EARLY PART



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1 OF JULY. AND THAT WILL GIVE US TIME. BECAUSE I AM GOING TO
2 COME BACK WITHIN 30 DAYS TO SPEAK HOW WE'RE GOING TO CLOSE THE
3 PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S DEFICIT. AND THEN ONCE WE HAVE ALL THAT
4 SETTLED AND THE STATE BUDGET AND OUR OWN BUDGET, WE'LL BE IN A
5 MUCH BETTER PLACE TO DETERMINE IF IN FACT WE CAN COMMIT THESE
6 DOLLARS FOR THIS PROJECT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** DOES THE GOVERNOR KNOW YOU'RE HERE ON THIS
9 PROJECT?

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11 **ANDREA ORDIN:** SAY IT ONE MORE TIME, SUPERVISOR.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** DOES THE GOVERNOR KNOW THAT YOU'RE HERE ON THIS
14 PROJECT?

15

16 **DEAN BORG:** OUR DEPARTMENT SECRETARY KNOWS THAT WE'RE HERE. AND
17 HE REPORTS TO THE GOVERNOR. I CAN'T SPEAK TO ANY DIRECT
18 COMMUNICATION.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE SECRETARY DOES KNOW THAT YOU'RE HERE.

21

22 **DEAN BORG:** YES, HE IS AWARE THAT THERE WAS A REQUEST FOR US TO
23 COME DOWN HERE AND PROVIDE INFORMATION.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW WILL IS THIS GOING TO BE PAID BACK? YOU SAY
2 IT'S NOT A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND. IT COMES OUT OF WHAT
3 FUNDS?

4

5 **DEAN BORG:** THE PAYBACK MECHANISM IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE
6 GENERAL FUND DOLLARS FOR THE STATE.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT IS A GENERAL FUND.

9

10 **DEAN BORG:** THE DEBT SERVICE COMES FROM GENERAL FUND. IT'S
11 PLACED INTO THE --

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE THIS IS TOTALLY CONTRADICTIONARY TO WHAT THE
14 GOVERNOR IS SAYING ABOUT THAT HE IS NOT GOING TO INCUR ANYMORE
15 DEBT. IT'S TOTALLY CONTRARY TO WHAT HE HAS BEEN SAYING. AND
16 ONE OF THE THINGS WE TALKED ABOUT EARLIER IS THAT ONE OF THE
17 THINGS WE DON'T WANT TO DO IN THIS WHOLE COMPROMISE ON THIS
18 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND ALL THAT IS GOING ON WITH THE
19 BUDGET IS THAT THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE GO BACK TO
20 THEIR OLD WAYS AND KEEP BORROWING MONEY WHEN THEY DON'T HAVE
21 MONEY. AND SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO CONTINUE TO TAKE OWNERSHIP
22 AND RESPONSIBILITY OF PROGRAMS AND THEN THE GOVERNOR'S GOING
23 TO GO OUT THERE AND BOND FOR NEW MONEY AND HAVE NEW
24 OBLIGATIONS IN PLACE. THAT'S WHY I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IT'S SORT
25 OF IRONIC THAT YOU WOULD BE HERE REPRESENTING THE SECRETARY



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1 AND I GUESS THE GOVERNOR, SAYING THAT HE'S WILLING TO BOND AND
2 CREATE MORE OBLIGATIONS. IT'S JUST TOTALLY CONTRARY TO WHAT
3 HE'S BEEN SAYING.

4

5 **DON BLEVINS:** SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD WEIGH IN HERE. IT DOES,
6 WITH A REALIGNMENT AS ONE OF THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSALS TO
7 REDUCE THE BUDGET DEFICIT AT THE STATE, CERTAINLY THIS DOES
8 PLAY INTO IT BECAUSE ON THE ADULT SIDE THERE'S A.B.900, WHICH
9 OFFERS CONSTRUCTION MONEY FOR JAILS. AND WITH THE ADULT
10 POPULATION COMING BACK TO THE COUNTY, THAT WOULD GIVE THE
11 OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNTIES TO BUILD FACILITIES AND TAKE THESE
12 PEOPLE AS PART OF REALIGNMENT. BUT THERE'S A JUVENILE SIDE OF
13 THAT, WHICH IS D.J.J., AND I THINK THE ORIGINAL INTENTION IN
14 S.B.81 WAS FOR COUNTIES TO BUILD CAPACITY FOR TAKING BACK SOME
15 OF THE POPULATION. WE'VE HELPED REDUCE THE POPULATION IN
16 D.J.J. DOWN TO ABOUT 1,300 WARDS. SO I THINK IN SOME RESPECT,
17 IT DOES MATCH UP WITH WHAT THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSING.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IT DOESN'T MATCH UP WITH THE BORROWING PART.

20

21 **DON BLEVINS:** I AGREE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THIS RIGHT NOW ISN'T COMING OUT OF THE
24 GENERAL FUND, PER SE. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A BUDGET
25 ALLOCATION. WHAT IT IS, IS GOING TO BE A BORROWING. IT'S GOING



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1 TO BE DEBT THAT THEY'RE INCURRING. AND ACCORDING TO WHAT THE
2 GOVERNOR IS TELLING US THAT ONE OF THE THINGS HE'S NOT GOING
3 TO DO IS INCUR MORE DEBT. AND SO IT'S CONTRARY IN THAT REGARD.
4 NOW, THIS MOTION SAYS MORE THAN WHAT YOU'RE SAYING TO US HERE
5 PUBLICLY BECAUSE THE MOTION SAYS THAT WE ACCEPT THE YOUTHFUL
6 BLOCK OF FUNDER REHABILITATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION GRANT
7 AND EXECUTE ALL THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS. SO THAT WOULD GIVE
8 YOU, AS THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, THE AUTHORITY TO DO THAT
9 WITHOUT ANY APPROVAL FROM US; IS THAT CORRECT?

10

11 **DON BLEVINS:** I DON'T BELIEVE SO. BECAUSE THERE'S STILL THE 25
12 PERCENT MATCH THAT I WOULD HAVE TO --

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. BUT LET'S SAY THAT BUT
15 RIGHT NOW IT SAYS IT DOESN'T REQUIRE ANY APPROVAL FROM US.
16 THAT'S THE WAY I READ IT. DO YOU READ IT DIFFERENTLY?

17

18 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** "THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER BE
19 INSTRUCTED TO ACCEPT THE LOCAL YOUTHFUL BLOCK OFFENDER
20 REHABILITATIVE FACILITIES GRANT AND TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY
21 AGREEMENTS OR DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING NONSUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM
22 MODIFICATIONS."

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO DOES THAT MEAN THAT'S WITHOUT OUR APPROVAL? HE
25 COULD DO IT WITHOUT OUR APPROVAL?



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2 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I THINK THIS IS THE MOTION TO GIVE HIM THE
3 APPROVAL TO SIGN THAT. JUST FOR ACCEPTANCE, RIGHT.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT WOULD BE WITHOUT -- I DON'T THINK THE SMART
6 THING FOR HIM TO DO BUT RIGHT NOW THAT'S THE WAY IT'S SET UP.

7

8 **ANDREA ORDIN:** IT'S SET UP SO THAT HE ACCEPTS. AND THEREBY IT
9 FREEZES THE DOLLARS, RIGHT? YES. BUT IT'S WITH YOUR APPROVAL.
10 BECAUSE YOU ARE SAYING PLEASE, PROBATION OFFICERS, SIGN AND
11 ACCEPT THE GRANT?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE
14 OUT EXACTLY HOW FAR ARE WE STEPPING IN THIS PUDDLE?

15

16 **ANDREA ORDIN:** ABSOLUTELY.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S MORE THAN THE LAST ONE CERTAINLY SAYS.
19 AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A SITE ASSURANCE RESOLUTION,
20 INDICATING THE COUNTY HAS PROJECT SITE CONTROL CAMP WHICH IS
21 THE FIRST STEP THAT WE NEED OTHER THAN ASKING FOR AN EXTENSION
22 ON THE MARCH DEADLINE. BUT THE OTHER IS INSTRUCTING OR
23 AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO BEGIN THE PROCESS
24 OF SIGNING THOSE DOCUMENTS. IT DOESN'T SAY UPON APPROVAL OF
25 THE BOARD OF ACCEPTING WHATEVER IT IS. BUT, ANYWAY, I'M JUST



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1 MAKING THAT CLARIFICATION. IT DOES SEEM LIKE WE'RE STEPPING IT
2 IN. AND THEN PART B, IT SAYS WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF
4 EDUCATION AND THE JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES TOWARD
5 IMPLEMENTING A TREATMENT MODEL THAT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED TO
6 THE NEW FACILITY. WHAT TREATMENT MODEL WOULD THAT BE?

7

8 **DON BLEVINS:** IT'S A REQUIREMENT OF THIS GRANT THAT YOU HAVE
9 ARTICULATED YOUR PROGRAM MODEL.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT TREATMENT MODEL WOULD THAT BE?

12

13 **DON BLEVINS:** IT'S GOING TO BE VERY SIMILAR TO THE TREATMENT
14 MODEL THAT WE'RE PROPOSING FOR THE OTHER CAMP.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS IT SIMILAR OR NOT?

17

18 **DON BLEVINS:** IT IS. IT'S AN EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM THAT STARTS
19 WITH AN ASSESSMENT. EACH MINOR WOULD GO THROUGH AN ASSESSMENT.
20 THEY WOULD BE PUT INTO DORMS BASED ON RISK AND NEED. AND THE
21 PROGRAMMING THAT THEY RECEIVE MATCHES WHAT THE RISK AND THE
22 ASSESSMENT TELLS US.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THAT A REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS AGREEMENT?

25



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1 **CAROL BIONDI:** IT'S IN THE BROADEST SENSE, REHABILITATIVE
2 FACILITIES, YES.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THIS A REQUIREMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT?

5

6 **CAROL BIONDI:** THAT THEY'RE REHABILITATIVE? YES, THAT'S WHAT
7 THE LEGISLATION --

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THIS A REQUIREMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT?

10

11 **DON BLEVINS:** IT WAS PART OF OUR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WHEN WE
12 SUBMITTED THIS IN 2009.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I GUESS THE ANSWER IS YES IT'S A REQUIREMENT OF
15 THIS AGREEMENT?

16

17 **BOB TAKESHTA:** THAT WAS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATION TO
18 PROVIDE TREATMENT, REHABILITATIVE TREATMENT, FOR THE MINORS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW. BUT ALL OF OUR FACILITIES ARE
21 REHABILITATIVE FACILITIES.

22

23 **CAROL BIONDI:** WE KNOW THEY'RE NOT.

24



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1 **BOB TAKESHTA:** WELL THESE ARE A LITTLE DIFFERENT. IT'S AS THE
2 CHIEF MENTIONED, MORE TOWARD EVIDENCE-BASED, THINGS THAT HAVE
3 BEEN PROVEN, TESTED OUT IN THE FIELD HAVING SUCCESS RATES IN
4 REDUCING RECIDIVISM.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE MISSION OF ALL OF OUR CAMPS RIGHT NOW.
7 WHETHER YOU BUY INTO IT OR NOT. AT ONE POINT THERE WAS
8 EVIDENCE THAT THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO WORK, OTHERWISE WE WOULDN'T
9 HAVE DONE IT. ALL RIGHT, SO THAT'S THE SECOND PART. AND THEN
10 IT GOES ON, IT SAYS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE INSTRUCTED
11 TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL NET COUNTY COSTS. SO IS THIS ADDITIONAL
12 FROM WHAT? BECAUSE, FIRST OF ALL, IS THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH
13 THE MATCH? THE MATCH IS HOW MUCH?

14

15 **BOB TAKESHTA:** IT'S A 10 PERCENT CASH MATCH. SO IT WOULD BE 2.8
16 MILLION OF THE TOTAL AWARD. AND THEN IT WOULD BE ANOTHER 15
17 PERCENT FOR THE IN-KIND MATCH THAT THE COUNTY WOULD RECEIVE
18 CREDIT FOR. FOR EXAMPLE --

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT WOULD BE A TOTAL OF HOW MUCH? BILL, DO
21 YOU KNOW?

22

23 **DEAN BORG:** I BELIEVE IT IS 11.8 MILLION.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** 11.8 MILLION. NO, NO. CASH IS ONLY 2.8.



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2 **DEAN BORG:** IT'S A COMBINATION OF CASH AND IN-KIND.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SOFT. RIGHT. SO WHEN WE PASS THIS MOTION, IT SAYS
5 THAT HE HAS TO IDENTIFY THE NET COUNTY COST. IS THAT LIKE OUT
6 OF THE DEPARTMENT BUDGET? BECAUSE WE DO GIVE THEM -- RIGHT? OR
7 IS IT SEPARATE?

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE WOULD PROBABLY LOOK AT ALL OPTIONS. LOOKING
10 AT IT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET WOULD BE DIFFICULT GIVEN
11 THE DEFICIT THEY'RE RUNNING RIGHT NOW.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. AND BECAUSE THE LAST THING, ONE OF THE
14 THINGS THAT YOU SAID, CHIEF, WAS THAT THIS DOESN'T NECESSARILY
15 HAVE TO BE FOR CAMP GONZALES. BUT WE'RE GOING TO GIVE THEM THE
16 SITE -- WE OWN THE LAND AT CAMP GONZALES. AND WE'RE GOING TO
17 GIVE THEM THAT ASSURANCE. I GUESS THAT'S WHAT THIS SITE
18 CONTROL IS. SITE ASSURANCE RESOLUTION IS. RIGHT? BUT WE COULD
19 CHANGE IT AND DECIDE THAT WE WANT TO BUILD IT SOMEWHERE ELSE?

20

21 **DON BLEVINS:** YES. AND I'LL ASK THEM TO ANSWER THE SECOND PART
22 OF THAT. BUT WE WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE THE SAME ASSURANCE
23 WHEREVER WE DECIDE TO BUILD THIS. SO IF WE OPT TO CHANGE THE
24 SITE FROM CAMP GONZALES TO ANOTHER SITE, THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO



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1 GIVE THEM THE SAME ASSURANCES THAT THE COUNTY OWNS THE
2 PROPERTY.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN THAT'S DIFFERENT. YOU JUST SAID CAMP
5 GONZALEZ. RIGHT NOW WE'RE GOING TO SIGN THAT CAMP GONZALEZ IS
6 THE SITE. SO IT IS THE SITE.

7

8 **DON BLEVINS:** UNLESS WE DECIDE TO CHANGE IT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IF YOU LOOK AT YOUR OWN MAINTENANCE COSTS,
11 RIGHT NOW AT GONZALES YOU'RE SPENDING \$112,000 A YEAR FOR
12 MAINTENANCE. AND YET KILPATRICK, YOU'RE SPENDING 1.3 MILLION.
13 WOULDN'T THAT BE A BETTER SITE?

14

15 **DON BLEVINS:** I BELIEVE SO. AND WE HAVE BEEN HAVING DISCUSSIONS
16 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. THEY DID HAVE SOME
17 CONCERNS ABOUT OFFERING A SITE THAT HAS TWO CAMPS RATHER THAN
18 ONE CAMP. BUT I DON'T SEE THAT AS AN IMPEDIMENT. AND IN FACT,
19 MY UNDERSTANDING --

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEN IF YOU INCLUDE CAMP MILLER AND
22 KILPATRICK, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT AN ADDITIONAL \$937,000,
23 THERE'S ALMOST \$2 MILLION IN MAINTENANCE.

24



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1 **DON BLEVINS:** CORRECT. AND BOTH OF THOSE CAMPS WERE BUILT AT
2 THE SAME TIME, 49 YEARS AGO, 1962. THEY BOTH HAVE SIGNIFICANT
3 INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEMS. SO FROM THAT STANDPOINT, IF WE COULD
4 SAVE \$38 MILLION IN FUTURE MAINTENANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE
5 COSTS, I THINK THAT'S A MAJOR CONSIDERATION HERE.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO RIGHT NOW, THE OTHER CAMP THAT'S ON HERE
8 THAT'S VERY HIGH IS CAMP MENDENHALL?

9

10 **DON BLEVINS:** MENDENHALL, NO. MENDENHALL, WELL, IT HAS AN
11 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST OF 639 AND A PROJECTED, ONGOING OF
12 \$1.8 MILLION.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THAT TWO CAMPS TOGETHER OR JUST ONE CAMP?

15

16 **DON BLEVINS:** MENDENHALL IS ONE CAMP. IT'S SITED RIGHT NEXT TO
17 CAMP MUNTZ.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS ALSO \$654,000 IN MAINTENANCE.

20

21 **DON BLEVINS:** CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHY IS IT THAT WE'RE SELECTING GONZALES WHEN
24 IN FACT THERE ARE OTHER FACILITIES THAT HAVE HIGHER
25 MAINTENANCE COSTS THAT COULD BE -- IT WOULD SEEM LIKE IF WE'RE



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1 GOING TO MAKE THIS INVESTMENT, WHY NOT MAKE IT IN ONE THAT
2 COSTS US 2 MILLION BUCKS?

3

4 **DON BLEVINS:** I AGREE. THE REASON WE WENT FORWARD WITH --

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHERE THEY'RE GOING? IS THAT WHERE YOU'RE
7 GOING?

8

9 **DON BLEVINS:** WHAT'S THAT?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE SAYS THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE GOING. I'M SORRY. I
12 DIDN'T KNOW THAT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THAT'S WHAT HE'S TESTIFIED TO.
15 THEY'RE LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVE SITES THAT WOULD YIELD --
16 WOULD MAKE MORE FINANCIAL SENSE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
17 COUNTY. IN A SENSE THIS WAS A -- I DON'T WANT TO CALL THIS A
18 PLACEHOLDER. WHERE YOU GUYS DECIDED AT FIRST YOU WERE GOING TO
19 DO THIS. BUT IT IS A PLACEHOLDER FOR NOW. AND YOU CAN MAKE
20 THAT CHANGE AFTER YOU GO THROUGH YOUR DUE DILIGENCE TO SEE
21 WHERE WE COULD GET THE BEST DEAL FOR OURSELVES.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WAIT. LET ME UNDERSTAND THAT. EXCUSE ME. LET
24 ME UNDERSTAND THAT. BECAUSE EXPLAIN THAT PART OF IT. LET ME
25 UNDERSTAND THAT.



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DON BLEVINS: THE ORIGINAL GRANT, WHEN IT WAS SUBMITTED IN 2009, WAS DECIDED AT CAMP GONZALES. THAT WASN'T APPROVED IN 2009, BUT ESSENTIALLY THAT SAME PLAN WAS APPROVED IN NOVEMBER OF 2010. BECAUSE WE WERE UP AGAINST THE MARCH 8 DEADLINE TO MAKE A DECISION ON THIS, RATHER THAN TO LOOK AT ANOTHER SITE WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE SPLITTING A PARCEL, THINGS THAT WOULD TAKE A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME, THE THOUGHT WAS TO GO FORWARD AS PROPOSED LOOKING AT IT AS A PLACEHOLDER, KNOWING THAT IF A BETTER SITE WAS AVAILABLE DOWN THE ROAD, THERE WOULD BE NO IMPEDIMENT FROM US MOVING FORWARD AT CHANGING THE SITE. AND IT'S BEEN DONE IN OTHER COUNTIES.

13

SUP. MOLINA: NO, I UNDERSTAND. IT'S JUST THAT I'M HEARING THIS FOR THE FIRST TIME. THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'VE HEARD BEFORE. AND I THINK THAT -- VERY FRANKLY, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE STARTING A NEW PROGRAM AND BUILDING A NEW FACILITY. IT'S HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND WHEN POTENTIALLY WE MAY BE CLOSING OUR CAMPS AND WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT OUR BUDGET OUTLOOK IS GOING TO BE LIKE FOR THIS COMING JUNE. IT'S HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND THAT. I WOULD SAY THAT A GOOD MANY OF THESE CAMPS UNFORTUNATELY DO NEED REHAB, HAVING VISITED THEM, UNFORTUNATELY. BUT IT JUST SEEMS LIKE THIS IS NOT READY FOR US. I MEAN, ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO MAYBE ASK THE SECRETARY FOR AN EXTENSION? GIVE US A MONTH AND A HALF



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1 TO DO SOME DUE DILIGENCE? I MEAN WHY ARE WE RUSHING IF IN FACT
2 -- I'M SURE WE COULD CALL THE GOVERNOR AND HE WOULD GIVE US AN
3 EXTENSION.

4

5 **BOB TAKESHTA:** IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE C.S.A. BOARD
6 WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AN EXEMPTION?

9

10 **BOB TAKESHTA:** PARDON ME. AN EXTENSION.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT JUST SEEMS IF THAT IS THE INTENT OF TAKING
13 THIS MONEY -- NOW, I DON'T KNOW. BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THIS CAMP
14 GONZALES, NO, THERE'S A COUPLE CAMP SCUDDER. THAT'S THE ONE I
15 WENT TO. THAT'S PRETTY BAD. IT ONLY NEEDS \$22,000 WORTH OF
16 MAINTENANCE COSTS. BUT CERTAINLY THERE ARE MANY CAMPS THAT ARE
17 HIGHER. SOME ARE ALREADY CLOSED. BUT IT'S 112,000 BY
18 COMPARISON TO 937,000, 654,000, 639,000, 1.3 MILLION. SO
19 WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO ASK FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME, GIVE US
20 THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT -- BECAUSE THE OTHER THING IS WE'VE
21 GOT TO FIND THE MONEY, AS WELL. AND I THINK THAT WE'RE
22 STARTING ON A PATH THAT SEEMS AS THOUGH IT ISN'T JUST DO THE
23 PLACEHOLDER. THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS MOTION SAYS, AS I READ IT.
24 THIS MOTION SAYS A LOT MORE THAN THAT. AND SO IF WE JUST WANT
25 A PLACEHOLDER, THEN THAT'S WHAT THE MOTION SHOULD SAY AND IT



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1 DOESN'T SAY THAT. SECOND OF ALL IS THAT IF WE WANT TO GET AN
2 EXTENSION, I MEAN I DO THINK THAT THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE THING
3 TO ASK AT THIS TIME WHILE WE DO THE KIND OF DUE DILIGENCE TO
4 FIGURE OUT WHICH WOULD BE A BETTER LOCATION. I'M JUST SAYING
5 WHEN YOU'RE SPENDING 1.3 MILLION AND 654,000 FOR MAINTENANCE,
6 AND 112,000 FOR THIS OTHER CAMP, THAT'S NOT WHERE YOU WANT TO
7 GO. THAT JUST DOESN'T MAKE GOOD SENSE AT ALL.

8

9 **DON BLEVINS:** I AGREE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I WOULD LIKE TO SUBSTITUTE THAT WE ASK THE
12 GOVERNOR AND THE SECRETARY FOR AN EXTENSION IF THEY WOULD GIVE
13 US 45 DAYS? I THINK IN 45 DAYS WE COULD COME UP WITH --

14

15 **BOB TAKESHTA:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? IF I MAY?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, SIR.

18

19 **BOB TAKESHTA:** IF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECIDES THAT YOU
20 WANT TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION, THEN THAT WILL HAVE TO GO TO THE
21 C.S.A. BOARD. SO WE WOULD NEED SOMETHING FORMAL, A REQUEST IN
22 WRITING FROM THE BOARD. IT WOULD BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA, ON
23 THE C.S.A. AGENDA, FOR THEIR ACTION.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, OKAY. THEN I WILL DO IT THAT WAY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I THOUGHT THE FORMAL REQUEST HAS ALREADY BEEN
3 REQUESTED.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WAS WAITING FOR TODAY'S ACTION TO DECIDE
8 WHETHER OR NOT WE WOULD FORMALLY REQUEST THE EXTENSION. I HAVE
9 THE LETTER PREPARED, READY TO GO.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** OH, YOU MEAN IF WE MOVE FORWARD TODAY WITH THIS
12 MOTION, THEN WE DON'T NEED THE EXTENSION?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** TRUE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT I MEAN THE POINT BEING IS THAT IN REGARDS TO
17 HER QUESTION, IF IN FACT THAT IS NOT ON THE AGENDA AT THIS
18 POINT, WE COULD WIND UP LEAVING THIS MONEY ON THE TABLE, AM I
19 CORRECT? AND AT SOME POINT IS NOT THE D.O.J. GOING TO REQUIRE
20 US TO DO AT SOME POINT? SO I DON'T SEE -- THE QUESTION I ASKED
21 45 MINUTES OR SO AGO IS DO WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO PULL THE
22 PLUG? AND WE COULD DO TWO THINGS. ONE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH
23 THE MOTION TODAY. YOU COULD REQUEST AN EXTENSION AT THE SAME
24 TIME. BUT WHY LEAVE THE MONEY LAYING ON THE TABLE TODAY? IF WE
25 NEED TO IDENTIFY AND AT LEAST PUT IT IN PLACE, AND THEN AT



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1 SOME POINT I WAS TOLD TODAY BY THE STATE FOLKS THAT WE CAN
2 PULL THE PLUG, IS THAT CORRECT?

3

4 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** THE STAFF CAN ONLY RECOMMEND TO THE
5 C.S.A. THAT THEY GIVE US AN EXTENSION. SO THERE'S NO REASON
6 NOT TO APPROVE IT TODAY.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. I'M SAYING APPROVE IT
9 TODAY. BUT YOU STILL CAN PROCEED WITH THE LETTER IF YOU'D
10 LIKE.

11

12 **ANDREA ORDIN:** RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** REQUEST AN EXTENSION. IF WE GET IT, WE GET IT. BUT
15 ALSO WE ALSO HAVE THE ABILITY EVEN IF WE TAKE THE ACTION
16 TODAY, WHICH I THINK WE SHOULD, THE ABILITY TO PULL THE PLUG.

17

18 **ANDREA ORDIN:** BUT IF WE DON'T TAKE THE ACTION --

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN. I WAS ON MY TIME AND I HAVE NOT
21 FINISHED, OKAY?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I GET A CLARIFICATION WHAT THE EXTENSION
24 IS FOR?

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, TOO. COULD
2 I GO BACK ON MY TIME?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. LET ME UNDERSTAND CLEARLY BECAUSE
7 THAT'S NOT WHAT THE MOTION SAYS, ALL RIGHT? I WANT TO
8 UNDERSTAND WHERE WE'RE GOING WITH THIS. IF THE MOTION IS TO
9 TENTATIVELY IN CONCEPT ACCEPT THIS GRANT AND IN THE INTERIM TO
10 ASK FOR APPROVAL OF AN EXTENSION SO THAT WE COULD DO THE DUE
11 DILIGENCE, IN FACT TO MAYBE CHANGE THE SETTING, THEN I THINK
12 THAT THAT'S MORE AGREEABLE. BUT WE'RE NOT SAYING -- INSTEAD,
13 WE'RE SAYING SOMETHING ELSE. ACCEPT THE GRANT. START A PROGRAM
14 THERE. ASK THE C.E.O. TO FIND THE MONEY. NUMBER 4 IS -- WORK
15 WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND REPORT TO US EVERY 60 DAYS, AND SIGN A
16 SITE ASSURANCE RESOLUTION THAT CAMP GONZALES IS THE INTENDED
17 SITE. THAT'S PRETTY LEGAL TO ME. I MEAN IT ISN'T THIS LIKE
18 LITTLE FLUFFY AND IN CONCEPT KIND OF THING. THAT'S PRETTY
19 CLEAR. SO THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING WHY NOT JUST CLARIFY IT RIGHT
20 NOW? EVEN THE CHIEF SAYS THIS MAY NOT BE, GONZALES MIGHT NOT
21 BE THE RIGHT SITE. CONSIDERING WE'RE SPENDING 1.3 MILLION, IF
22 THE CASE IS WHY NOT FIRST FORMALLY ASK FOR A FORMAL EXTENSION
23 TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, ALL RIGHT? AND SHOULD THE GRANT, SHOULD
24 WE NOT HAVE THIS APPROVAL, THIS EXTENSION WHICH I DO THINK IS
25 GOING TO HAPPEN, THEN WE COULD PROVIDE SITE ASSURANCE. BUT IT



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1 DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THAT CAMP GONZALEZ IS THE SITE. WHEN YOU
2 SAY PULL THE PLUG, WHEN YOU SAY PULL THE PLUG, DOES THAT MEAN
3 ON THE WHOLE THING?

4

5 **BOB TAKESHTA:** MA'AM, IF YOU'RE ASKING ME THAT QUESTION, IT
6 DEPENDS ON WHAT THE ACTION OF THE BOARD IS TODAY.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THE QUESTION. WHAT WOULD WE
9 BE PULLING THE PLUG ON? LET'S SAY THAT WE DIDN'T WANT CAMP
10 GONZALEZ. WE WANTED IT TO BE KILPATRICK.

11

12 **BOB TAKESHTA:** YOUR OPTIONS ARE, AS HAS BEEN STATED BEFORE THIS
13 BOARD, YOU COULD ACCEPT THE CONDITIONAL AWARD AND THEN MOVE
14 FORWARD. THE C.E.O. COULD MOVE FORWARD WITH A REQUEST TO ASK
15 THE C.S.A. BOARD FOR AN EXTENSION. AND YOU COULD RE-VISIT THE
16 SITE TO SEE WHICH WOULD BE MORE FEASIBLE FOR THE COUNTY.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU SEE, I THINK THAT'S A MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE
19 POSITION TO BE IN. BECAUSE THAT WAY WE CAN DO THE DUE
20 DILIGENCE TO LOOK AT WHAT OPTIONS ARE BETTER. IF IN FACT WE'RE
21 TALKING ABOUT FACILITIES THAT REALLY REQUIRE TO BE REDONE, I
22 MEAN YOU HAVE EXPENSES. AND YOU HAVE A DEFICIT, AS WELL. IT
23 WILL GO A LONG WAY TO TAKE THE 1.3 OR THE \$2 MILLION IN
24 MAINTENANCE COSTS OFF THE BOOKS BY PUTTING IN A NEW FACILITY
25 THERE AND IT'S GOING TO SAVE YOU MONEY IN THE LONG RUN. I JUST



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1 THINK THIS MAKES MORE SENSE TO DO IT THIS WAY IF WE'RE GOING
2 TO DO IT AT ALL. WE DON'T KNOW AT THE END OF THE DAY IF THE
3 GOVERNOR IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO INCUR THE DEBT. HE PROMISED
4 HE'S NOT INCURRING DEBT RIGHT NOW. SO I DON'T KNOW HOW HE
5 WOULD MOVE FORWARD ON THIS. BUT WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS
6 THE PROCESS OF WHAT WE'RE DOING. AND WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE IS
7 ACCEPTING THE GRANT CONDITIONALLY. AND THAT WE ASK FOR A
8 FORMAL EXTENSION SO THAT WE CAN DO THE DUE DILIGENCE IN ORDER
9 TO MAKE A DETERMINATION AS TO HOW TO BEST UTILIZE THE STATE
10 MONEY SHOULD IT BECOME AVAILABLE TO US.

11
12 **BOB TAKESHTA:** MA'AM, AS FAR AS THE EXTENSION, I MEAN, THAT'S
13 THE OPTION OF THE BOARD, IF YOU CHOOSE TO TAKE THAT ACTION
14 TODAY. IT'S REALLY INDEPENDENT OF ACCEPTING THE CONDITIONAL
15 AWARD AND PROVIDING THE SITE ASSURANCE TO THE BOARD AS A
16 CONDITION. THE SITE ASSURANCE, WHAT YOU SUBMITTED, WHICH WAS
17 CAMP GONZALES, THAT WAS THE PROPOSED SITE.

18
19 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU ARE SAYING WE HAVE TO PROVIDE IT FOR CAMP
20 GONZALES?

21
22 **BOB TAKESHTA:** NO. WHAT I'M SAYING IS IF YOU PROVIDE THE SITE
23 ASSURANCE, WHICH YOU HAVE, WHICH WAS PART OF THE PROPOSAL THAT
24 YOU SUBMITTED, THEN THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO TAKE NO FURTHER
25 ACTION. IF YOU DECIDED THAT YOU WANTED TO HAVE AN EXTENSION



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1 FOR THE SITE TO EXAMINE OTHER SITES, YOU CAN DO THAT
2 INDEPENDENT OF THIS ACTION THIS MORNING.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** THE ORIGINAL MOTION, I WAS TOLD EARLY ON I GUESS
5 THEY IDENTIFIED CAMP GONZALES AS THE LOCATION TO DO THIS;
6 OKAY? OBVIOUSLY THE CHIEF AND OTHERS HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF
7 ANOTHER LOCATION. THE ORIGINAL, IF YOU JUST LOOK AT THE
8 ORIGINAL MOTION, AS I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU JUST SAID, THE
9 ORIGINAL MOTION WOULD BE FINE. WE FURTHER MOVE TO HAVE THE
10 MAYOR SIGN THE SITE ASSURANCE RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED BY THE
11 GRANT. SIGN THE SITE RESOLUTION WHETHER IT WINDS UP CAMP
12 GONZALES OR CAMP KILPATRICK, WE CAN DECIDE THAT AT SOME POINT.
13 A SEPARATE ACTION WOULD BE TO ADD ITEM NO. 3 TO REQUEST AN
14 EXTENSION. DO YOU FOLLOW ME? GOING ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION?
15 GLORIA, ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M READING IT RIGHT NOW. I HAVE THE ORIGINAL
18 MOTION HERE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT. AND JUST ADD NUMBER 3 REQUESTING AN
21 EXTENSION. AND THEN LEAVE THE LANGUAGE LIKE IT IS AND NOT
22 IDENTIFY CAMP GONZALES.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THAT'S ACCEPTABLE TO ME.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THAT ACCEPTABLE TO YOU? OKAY. WE'RE GOING BACK
2 TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION WITH ITEM NO. 3 BEING REQUESTING A
3 CONTINUANCE AND NOT IDENTIFYING CAMP GONZALEZ.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE ISSUE, THIS IS TECHNICALLY AN
6 EXTENSION OF WHAT? I JUST AM NOT CLEAR.

7

8 **BOB TAKESHTA:** YOUR EXTENSION IS GOING TO BE SEPARATE, IF I
9 UNDERSTOOD THE SUPERVISOR CORRECTLY, WHAT YOU WILL DO IS
10 APPROVE THE MOTION THAT IS BEFORE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

13

14 **BOB TAKESHTA:** AND THEN IN ADDITION TO THAT, YOU WILL REQUEST
15 AN EXTENSION FOR THE SITE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AN EXTENSION OF TIME?

18

19 **BOB TAKESHTA:** WELL ACTUALLY YOU WON'T EVEN NEED AN EXTENSION
20 OF TIME BECAUSE --

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, YOU DO.

23

24 **BOB TAKESHTA:** WE'RE ALREADY GOING TO HAVE THE SITE ASSURANCE.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT'S THE EXTENSION FOR? THAT'S WHAT I'M
2 TRYING TO UNDERSTAND.

3

4 **BOB TAKESHTA:** THE EXTENSION WOULD JUST BE TO EXAMINE, AS THE
5 C.E.O. REQUESTED, SO YOU CAN LOOK AT YOUR FINANCIALS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THIS GIVES US MORE TIME TO DO THAT?

8

9 **BOB TAKESHTA:** YES, ABSOLUTELY.

10

11 **CAROL BIONDI:** YOU CAN DO THAT ANYWAY.

12

13 **BOB TAKESHTA:** YEAH, YOU CAN DO IT WITHOUT AN MOTION.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THERE ANY TIME LIMIT FROM TODAY IF WE
16 APPROVE THE MOTION WITHOUT THE EXTENSION, WOULD THERE BE ANY
17 TIME LIMIT?

18

19 **BOB TAKESHTA:** NOT AT ALL.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO WHEN WE MAKE THE GO OR NO GO DECISION?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** THE ONLY TIME LIMIT IS THE SITE RESOLUTION.

24



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1 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I NOW HAVE A QUESTION. IF WE DO NOT SIGN THE
2 SITE ASSURANCE RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED BY THE GRANT, DOES THAT
3 OBVIATE THE ACCEPTANCE?

4

5 **CAROL BIONDI:** IT COULD.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY ARE YOU ASKING THAT QUESTION?

8

9 **ANDREA ORDIN:** BECAUSE IF YOU ARE PASSING -- NO, I UNDERSTAND
10 THE MOTION. I'M TALKING ABOUT WHAT THE STATE WILL ACCEPT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** THE MAYOR'S SIGNING IT UNDER THE ORIGINAL MOTION.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK YOU'D BETTER MAXIMIZE THE CLARITY
15 HERE. I'M HEARING DIFFERENT THINGS.

16

17 **ANDREA ORDIN:** YES. COULD WE HAVE AN ANSWER TO THE FACT OF WILL
18 IT BE DEEMED TO BE AN ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT IF WE DO NOT --
19 IF WE ONLY ASK FOR AN EXTENSION FOR THE SITE ASSURANCE
20 RESOLUTION PORTION?

21

22 **BOB TAKESHTA:** LET ME CLARIFY. IF THE BOARD'S ACTION IS TO
23 ACCEPT THE CONDITIONAL AWARD AND TO AGREE TO HAVE THE MAYOR
24 SIGN THE SITING AGREEMENT AS SUBMITTED, WHICH WAS CAMP
25 GONZALEZ, THEN EVERYTHING IS DONE FOR THE DAY. IF THE COUNTY



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1 OPTS TO CHANGE THAT SITE LOCATION TO CAMP KILPATRICK, YOU
2 COULD DO THAT SIX MONTHS FROM NOW, TWELVE MONTHS FROM NOW. AND
3 YOU DON'T NEED -- THE ONLY THING YOU WOULD NEED TO DO, THE
4 CHIEF WOULD NEED TO CONTACT US TO INFORM US THAT THE BOARD IS
5 CONSIDERING AN ALTERNATE SITE. AND THEN YOU WOULD HAVE TO DO
6 THE EVALUATION OF THAT SITE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT WOULD MEET
7 THE REQUIREMENTS.

8

9 **CAROL BIONDI:** AND C.S.A. WOULD APPROVE THAT. WHAT MIGHT -- IF
10 WE DON'T FILE THIS NOW AND THE STAFF COMES TO C.S.A. ON MARCH
11 10 AND ASKS FOR A CONTINUATION, THEY MIGHT NOT GIVE IT. AND
12 THEN THE WHOLE THING IS GONE. BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE LIKELY TO
13 VOTE FOR IT. BUT THEY MIGHT NOT. SO THERE'S NOTHING THAT YOU
14 CAN'T ACCOMPLISH IN THE FUTURE IF YOU VOTE FOR THE MOTION AS
15 IT IS TODAY. BUT IF IT ISN'T VOTED TODAY, YOU'RE NOT 100
16 PERCENT ASSURED THAT THE C.S.A., THE CORRECTIONS STANDARDS
17 AUTHORITY, IS GOING TO GIVE YOU AN EXTENSION.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT GETS US IN THE GAME. IT KEEPS US IN
20 THE GAME.

21

22 **CAROL BIONDI:** YEAH, EXACTLY. MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN I CALL THE
23 QUESTION? WE'VE BEEN ON THIS FOR TWO HOURS.

24



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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOING BACK ON THIS AGAIN. ON PART A OF
2 THE "WE THEREFORE MOVE", WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS WHEN WE EXECUTE
3 ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS OR DOCUMENTATIONS, INCLUDING NON-
4 SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS?

5

6 **CAROL BIONDI:** NOTHING HAPPENS EXCEPT THAT IT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED
7 AND THE MONEY IS FROZEN.

8

9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND DO WE NEED TO TRANSFER LAND TO THE
10 STATE NOW OR LATER? AND IF LATER, WHEN?

11

12 **CAROL BIONDI:** DO NOT NEED TO TRANSFER LAND TO THE STATE. AND
13 THAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN AND IF THE RIGHT SITE IS DETERMINED BY
14 THIS BOARD AFTER THE KIND OF STUDY THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

15

16 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHY WOULD WE NOT HAVE AN EXTENSION
17 TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ACCEPT THE MONEY AFTER WE FIND OUT WHAT
18 THE BUDGET IS AND WHAT OUR COUNTY BUDGET IS SO YOU'D HAVE AN
19 EXTENSION TO JULY 1ST WHEN WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION? MR.
20 FUJIOKA?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MR. TAKESHTA'S GOING TO HELP ME, WILL HAVE TO
23 HELP ME AND CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG. FROM WHAT I'M HEARING,
24 THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE EXTENSION, WE WOULD HAVE THAT
25 ABILITY, AS WE GO DOWN THE ROAD, RIGHT? IF WE GO DOWN THE ROAD



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1 AND WE FIND OUT THAT EITHER -- WHETHER OR NOT IT'S OUR
2 FINANCES OR THE STATE FINANCES ARE INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT
3 THIS PROJECT, AT THAT POINT WE COULD DECIDE TO DECLINE THE
4 GRANT, RIGHT?

5

6 **BOB TAKESHTA:** THAT'S CORRECT. I MEAN YOU CAN DECLINE THE GRANT
7 AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE STATE PAYS FOR ANY REIMBURSEMENT ON
8 YOUR PROJECT. YOU KNOW, AS YOU MENTIONED, AND AS MS. BIONDI
9 STATED, IF THIS BOARD TOOK NO ACTION TODAY, THEN YOU RISK
10 HAVING THE C.S.A. BOARD -- IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY WOULD
11 NECESSARILY GIVE YOU AN EXTENSION. THEY COULD DECIDE NOT TO.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. BLEVINS, IS AN EXPANSION OF CAMPS
16 OR REPLACEMENT OF A CAMP?

17

18 **DON BLEVINS:** IT'S A REPLACEMENT. AND ACTUALLY THERE IS A
19 CHANCE FOR COST SAVINGS BECAUSE IF, FOR EXAMPLE, WE PICKED THE
20 KILPATRICK/MILLER SITE, YOU WOULD ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO REDUCE
21 THE AMOUNT OF STAFF NEEDED TO RUN THE NEW FACILITY BECAUSE
22 THERE'S A REDUCTION IN THE TOTAL BED NUMBER. AND WE HAVE
23 ADEQUATE CAPACITY WITHIN OUR SYSTEM CURRENTLY TO BE ABLE TO
24 MOVE KIDS TO DIFFERENT FACILITIES.

25



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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND OUR KIDS ARE PLACED BY THE COUNTY
2 JUDGE. ARE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE BEING PLACED BY OUR COUNTY
3 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE OR BEING PLACED THERE BY THE STATE?

4

5 **DON BLEVINS:** THEY'RE BEING PLACED BY OUR LOCAL SUPERIOR COURT
6 JUDGES.

7

8 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THEY'RE THE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES
9 MAKING THE DETERMINATION?

10

11 **DON BLEVINS:** WELL, THEY COMMIT A KID TO CAMP. AND THEN WE PUT
12 THE MINORS THROUGH AN ASSESSMENT. AND THEN WE DETERMINE WHICH
13 PROGRAM THEY'RE BEST SUITED FOR.

14

15 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THESE ARE NOT THE OLD C.Y.A.? WE'RE
16 NOT BUILDING CAPACITY FOR THE STATE?

17

18 **DON BLEVINS:** NOT FOR THE HIGH RISK OFFENDERS, NO.

19

20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WHERE DO THE HIGH RISK OFFENDERS GO
21 RIGHT NOW?

22

23 **DON BLEVINS:** WELL, SOME OF THEM STAY LOCALLY AND SOME GO TO
24 D.J.J. THE DETERMINATION BY THE STATE --

25



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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU DO NOT TAKE THE D.J.J.

2

3 **DON BLEVINS:** WE ARE NOT BUILDING THIS AS A D.J.J. ALTERNATIVE
4 FOR THE HIGH RISK OFFENDERS THAT ARE CURRENTLY INCARCERATED AT
5 D.J.J. AND NO DECISION BY THE STATE HAS BEEN MADE ON THAT
6 PARTICULAR ISSUE. THAT IS PENDING AS PART OF REALIGNMENT.

7

8 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S PENDING BUT IT'S STILL PROBABLE
9 THAT THEY COULD BE PLACED THERE.

10

11 **DON BLEVINS:** WELL, IT COULD HAPPEN. BUT ONE OF THE
12 ALTERNATIVES THAT THE STATE IS PROPOSING IS THAT THEY KEEP A
13 D.J.J. FACILITY AND THAT THE COUNTIES CONTRACT BACK WITH THE
14 STATE TO PUT THE MINORS IN THE STATE FACILITY.

15

16 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO IT'S REALLY MORE OF AN ADDITION
17 THAN AN EXPANSION.

18

19 **DON BLEVINS:** CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. AGAIN THAT'S WHAT'S SO SCREWY
22 ABOUT THE REALIGNMENT. MORE COSTS COMING DOWN HERE. AND WHEN
23 YOU ALREADY HAVE A \$40 MILLION DEFICIT, HOW WE'RE GOING TO ADD
24 TO THAT DEFICIT FROM THE GENERAL FUND IS ASININE. I THINK IT'S
25 STUPID. WHOA, ASININE. WHOA.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** STRONG LETTER TO FOLLOW, I PRESUME.

7 [LAUGHTER.] HAVE WE REACHED A POINT OF CLOSURE AND ARE WE

8 PREPARED TO DISPOSE OF THE ITEM?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD I ASK TO HAVE THE C.E.O. COME BACK TO US

15 MAYBE IN THE PERIOD OF TIME AS TO WHERE WOULD BE A BETTER

16 LOCATION? BECAUSE IF YOU LOOK AT THE CAMP KILPATRICK, THE \$2

17 MILLION CASH WOULD COME OUT IN THE FIRST YEAR ACCORDING TO

18 SAVINGS. ONCE YOU BUILD IT, OF COURSE. IT'S CLOSED IN THE

19 INTERIM, BUT IT WOULD BE SAVINGS. SO IF YOU COULD YOU DO THAT

20 ANALYSIS FOR US?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY. 30 DAYS?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE OF NOT ONLY THE COST INVESTMENT OF WHAT

25 WE HAVE AS WELL AS THE SOFT COSTS?



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** HEARING THE MAINTENANCE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
3 KILPATRICK AND MILLER, IT SEEMS THAT ON ITS FACE, IT'S A MUCH
4 MORE VIABLE OPTION GIVEN THE IMMEDIATE SAVINGS. THAT WOULD
5 HELP US PAY FOR NOT ONLY OUR SOFT COSTS BUT ALSO THE 10
6 PERCENT UP FRONT.

7

8 **DON BLEVINS:** IT WOULD ALSO HELP WITH OPERATIONAL COSTS,
9 BECAUSE TWO CAMPS, EACH CAMP COSTS ABOUT \$5 MILLION TO RUN.
10 AND THE NEW CAMP IS PROPOSED TO BE \$5.9 MILLION TO RUN. SO
11 THERE ACTUALLY WOULD BE A COST SAVINGS AND WE WOULD HAVE
12 ADEQUATE STAFF TO STAFF THE NEW FACILITY.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** VERY GOOD.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I COULD --

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF I COULD JUST CLOSE BRIEFLY. THE BIG
21 PICTURE ITEM HERE IS THAT THERE'S \$28 MILLION TO US ON THE
22 TABLE THAT IF WE COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT AND USE IT WISELY,
23 WE COULD PRODUCE MUCH BETTER OUTCOMES FOR THE BOYS WHO GO INTO
24 THESE, WHICHEVER CAMP WE CHOOSE, THAN WE'RE GETTING NOW. AND,
25 FRANKLY, I'M TIRED AND HAVE BEEN FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS OF



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1 LISTENING TO A PARADE OF PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR CAMPS
2 AND IN OUR HALLS. D.O.J. AND ALL THE OTHER STUFF THAT WE HAVE.
3 I THINK YOU'VE TRIED TO, SINCE YOU'VE BEEN HERE, DON, TO TURN
4 THE PLACE AROUND. AND THIS IS ONE OF THE COMPONENT PARTS ABOUT
5 TURNING THIS PLACE AROUND. AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANY
6 BETTER OUTCOMES BY HAVING THE SAME OLD SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE
7 NOW. AND THIS IS A MODEST ATTEMPT, A VERY MODEST ATTEMPT,
8 BECAUSE TO DO IT WHOLESALE WOULD BE A LOT MORE THAN \$28
9 MILLION, A LOT MORE THAN \$40 MILLION. BUT THIS IS A MODEST
10 ATTEMPT TO CHANGE ONE CAMP, THE DYNAMICS IN ONE CAMP AND THE
11 OUTCOMES IN ONE CAMP, WHATEVER CAMP IT IS, SO THAT -- AND
12 HOPEFULLY WE'LL LEARN A FEW THINGS FROM THIS EXPERIENCE AND
13 MAYBE THE REST OF US WILL LEARN THAT THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO GO
14 AND BEGIN TO CONVERT OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR -- AND I'VE BEEN
15 TRYING TO TALK ABOUT CAMP REDESIGN AROUND HERE FOR YEARS AND
16 GET NOWHERE. IN FACT, THERE'S A PROPOSAL NOW TO HAVE MY
17 REQUEST OF 3-1/2 YEARS AGO TABLED. PROBABLY JUST AS WELL
18 BECAUSE NOTHING'S HAPPENED IN 3-1/2 YEARS. WE'VE GOT TO DO
19 SOMETHING ABOUT THESE CAMPS. AND I THINK SUPERVISOR KNABE'S
20 MOTION, AND I THANK HIM FOR HIM AND I THANK HIS STAFF MR.
21 POLITO FOR WORKING WITH US AND MY STAFF ON IT AS WELL. THIS IS
22 THE WAY TO GO. AND WE JUST NEED TO MAKE IT WORK. WE SPENT A
23 LOT LESS TIME BUT A LOT MORE MONEY AROUND HERE. AND I THINK
24 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT CAN WORK. AND WE HAVE ALL OF OUR
25 OPTIONS ARE INTACT AND THAT'S THE MAIN THING.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST WOULD MOVE THE ORIGINAL MOTION THEN.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THIS WAS TO BE --

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** THE ORIGINAL MOTION.

9

10 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE AMENDMENT THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA
11 WAS TALKING ABOUT? CONTINUE IT?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. THE MOTION WOULD BE AT THIS POINT IN TIME
14 THAT ALL I ADDED AT THE END WAS THAT THEY WOULD BRING AN
15 ANALYSIS AS TO WHERE WE WOULD HAVE IT BE BETTER.

16

17 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AFTER THE BUDGET OR BEFORE THE BUDGET.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN HE WOULD DO THE DUE DILIGENCE ON IT AND LET
20 US KNOW.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BEFORE THE BUDGET OR AFTER THE BUDGET?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

25



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SHE SAID A REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** I ASKED IF THEM IF THEY COULD DO IT IN THE NEXT
4 30 DAYS.

5

6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL DO THAT. WITHIN 30 DAYS, IN THE NEXT 30
7 DAYS. I APOLOGIZE FOR THIS, ONE CLARIFICATION. ARE WE SENDING
8 A LETTER REQUESTING THAT EXTENSION?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S A SEPARATE ITEM. I'M LISTENING TO WHAT THEY
11 SAID. WE'LL TAKE THIS ACTION TO DRAW DOWN THE FUNDS, TO PUT US
12 ON RECORD FOR THAT, WITH A REPORT BACK ON VARIOUS OTHER SITES,
13 WE RE NOT GOING TO NAME A CAMP. AND THEN WE CAN TAKE THE
14 ACTION ON REQUESTING AN EXTENSION. BOB, YOU SAID IT WOULD BE
15 BETTER TO HAVE IT A SEPARATE ITEM, IS THAT CORRECT?

16

17 **BOB TAKESHTA:** AND ACTUALLY THE ONLY ACTION YOU NEED TO TAKE IS
18 IF YOU IDENTIFY ANOTHER SITE, JUST TO HAVE THE CHIEF INFORM US
19 AND THEN WE WOULD TAKE A LOOK AT THAT SITE TO LET YOU KNOW IF
20 IT'S ACCEPTABLE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

23

24 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CALL THE ROLL.

25



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? I'M SORRY?

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, AYE. I'M SORRY.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

14

15 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. THE MOTION CARRIES 4-1.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME. THANKS FOR COMING
18 DOWN.

19

20 **CAROL BIONDI:** WE THANK THE C.S.A. FOR COMING HERE IN FORCE
21 TODAY, FIVE OF THEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I DID, YEAH. THAT'S WHAT I WAS DOING RIGHT NOW, I
2 WAS THANKING THEM.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNEW MR. TAKESHTA WHEN I WAS A MEMBER OF
5 THE BOARD OF CONTROL. HE WAS A LOT TALLER AND HAD A LOT MORE
6 HAIR. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, AND THANKS TO ALL OF THEM. I
7 SAID BOARD OF CONTROL? I MEANT BOARD OF CORRECTIONS.

8

9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE? SUPERVISOR KNABE

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE NOTHING.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS. I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN
14 IN MEMORY OF SARA HANNAFORD, A LAKEWOOD RESIDENT WHO PASSED
15 AWAY PEACEFULLY, WAS SURROUNDED BY HER FAMILY. SHE WAS THE
16 WIFE OF A FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS, MARK HANNAFORD. THEY HAD
17 BOUGHT A HOME IN LAKEWOOD AND LIVED THERE FOR YEARS. SHE
18 ENJOYED BRIDGE, THE LOS ANGELES ANGELS AND COOKING FOR HER
19 FAMILY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER THREE SONS, MARK, KIM AND
20 ROBERT; DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, PATRICIA; SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE
21 GREAT GRANDCHILD. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARTHA ROFF, A
22 RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LA MIRADA FOR OVER 55 YEARS. SHE
23 TAUGHT AT THE THEATER ARTS DEPARTMENT AT L.A. CITY COLLEGE.
24 SHE IS THE MOTHER OF A GOOD FRIEND, STEVE JONES, WHO IS THE
25 MAYOR PRO TEM IN THE CITY OF LA MIRADA. SHE WAS INVOLVED IN



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1 VARIOUS ASPECTS OF COMMUNITY AND DEDICATED TIME AND EFFORT TO
2 THOSE AROUND HER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON, STEVE; HER
3 DAUGHTER, WENDY; NUMEROUS GRANDCHILDREN AND SIX GREAT
4 GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND
5 FRIENDS AND OUR THOUGHTS GO OUT TO MR. JONES. ALSO WE ADJOURN
6 IN MEMORY OF ROBERTA WAKEFIELD, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LONG
7 BEACH WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94. SHE GRADUATED FROM
8 LONG BEACH CITY AND LATER FROM CAL STATE LONG BEACH. SHE
9 BECAME A SPONSOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S SCHOLAR FOUNDATION WHICH
10 PRESENTED AN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP THROUGH THE COLLEGE
11 FOUNDATION. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE LONG BEACH CHAMBER, THE
12 WOMEN'S COUNCIL, INTERNATIONAL HOSTESS JUST TO NAME A FEW. SHE
13 LOVED MUSIC, TRAVELING, WAS AN AVID SUPPORTER OF THE CAL STATE
14 LONG BEACH WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AND RARELY MISSED A LAKERS'
15 GAME. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER, OLLIE; HER FOUR CHILDREN,
16 13 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 15 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE
17 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARK TULIN, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
18 WOODLAND HILLS. HE WAS A FORMER BASS GUITAR PLAYER FOR A GROUP
19 THAT WAS POPULAR IN THE LATE '60S, ELECTRIC PRUNES. HE WAS
20 VERY ACTIVE WITH OUR CATALINA HYPERBARIC CHAMBER ON CATALINA
21 ISLAND. HE WAS SUPERVISOR AND TRAINER OF VOLUNTEER CREW FOR
22 OVER 20 YEARS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, SAMANTHA; AND
23 BROTHER, KIP. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF VERNE JOYCE, WHO
24 PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS 65. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 38
25 YEARS, MIKE; SONS, PATRICK AND DENNIS; DAUGHTER-IN-LAWS,



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1 STEPHANIE AND CONNIE; THREE GRANDCHILDREN, NOLAN, RYAN AND
2 CAITLIN. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CARLOS JUAN GARCIA,
3 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF CHINO. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE CHURCH
4 OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, HELD NUMEROUS POSITIONS
5 IN THE CHURCH. HE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TELACU,
6 THE NATION'S LARGEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. HE
7 DEDICATED HIMSELF TO PROVIDING JOBS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
8 MANY OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO FAMILIES IN THE UNDERSERVED
9 COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. HE WILL BE MISSED. HE IS
10 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND BEST FRIEND, NANCY; SONS, THERON,
11 DALAN, AND ARLAN; A DAUGHTER, CAMILLE; BROTHER, ROBERT;
12 SISTER, EVANGELINE; AND 22 GRANDCHILDREN. AND THEN FINALLY
13 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAVID BUHLER, A LONGTIME RESIDENT
14 OF DOWNEY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 67. HE SERVED IN THE
15 UNITED STATES ARMY, WORKED FOR G.T.E., WAS VERY INVOLVED IN
16 THE DOWNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. HE EVEN VOLUNTEERED HIS
17 COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS TO NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS PARTICULARLY
18 WITHIN THE CITY OF DOWNEY. AND I REMEMBER HIM AT THE DOWNEY
19 CHRISTMAS PARADE. HE'LL BE TRULY MISSED BY ALL. HE'S SURVIVED
20 BY HIS DAUGHTERS, KATHY AND PATRICIA; THREE GRANDCHILDREN;
21 NEPHEWS, ONE NIECE AND VERY CLOSE FAMILY FRIEND, CAROL. SO
22 MOVED.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I BELIEVE WE'VE CALLED UP THE ITEMS I'VE HELD.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S IT? OKAY. I'D LIKE TO MOVE
4 ADJOURNMENTS FOR LONGTIME A COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO MANY MUCH US
5 KNEW PASSED AWAY, AND THAT WAS KEN KIRKPATRICK WHO WAS A
6 FORMER PROBATION CHIEF.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** OH, I'D LIKE TO JOIN ON THAT.

9

10 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL PUT ALL MEMBERS. HE PASSED AWAY
11 AT THE AGE OF 95. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE.
12 AND A VERY WONDERFUL PERSON. ALSO DR. BERNARD NATHANSON,
13 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84. HE WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF
14 THE ASSOCIATION TO REPEAL ABORTION LAWS, THEN SWITCHED SIDES
15 MANY YEARS LATER AND HE WAS THE NARRATOR IN THE PRO-LIFE FILM
16 "THE SILENT SCREAM." HE WAS A PREEMINENT PHYSICIAN AND PUBLIC
17 SPEAKER. IN LATER LIFE, HE CONVERTED TO ROMAN CATHOLICISM,
18 BECAME A CATHOLIC, AND WAS ACTIVE IN THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT.
19 ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS AT THIS BOARD IN THE PAST, JANE
20 RUSSELL, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. SHE WAS AN ACTRESS.
21 STARRED IN MANY MOTION PICTURES. WENT ON TO APPEAR IN AN
22 EXCITING MOVIE CAREER. WAS THE LEADER OF THE HOLLYWOOD
23 CHRISTIAN GROUP, FILM PEOPLE WHO GATHERED FOR BIBLE STUDIES
24 AND FORMED THE WORLD ADOPTING INTERNATIONAL FUND WHICH HAS
25 PLACED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN WITH ADOPTIVE FAMILIES.



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1 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE ADOPTED CHILDREN, TRACY, THOMAS,
2 AND ROBERT. SHE HAD BEEN MARRIED PREVIOUSLY TO ROBERT
3 WAKEFIELD OF THE LOS ANGELES RAMS. THEY WERE DIVORCED, BUT SHE
4 WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH THE ADOPTIONS AND HAD BEEN AT OUR
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BEING HONORED WITH THOSE INVOLVED IN THE
6 ADOPTION ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THIS COUNTY, STATE AND NATION.
7 ORAN OVERTON, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PALMDALE. HE WAS THE 35-
8 YEAR EMPLOYEE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT. TED
9 TAJIMA. HE WAS KNOWN AS MR. T TO HIS STUDENTS. HE PASSED AWAY
10 AT THE AGE OF 88. HE GRADUATED JOURNALISM FROM OCCIDENTAL
11 COLLEGE AND HE WAS AN EDUCATOR AT ALHAMBRA HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE
12 HE WAS THE EDITOR OR I SHOULD SAY THE ADVISER TO THE STUDENT
13 NEWSPAPER FOR THE ALHAMBRA MATADORS. THE MOORE WAS THE
14 NEWSPAPER. THEY WON 26 ALL-AMERICAN AWARDS, THE HIGHEST HONOR
15 BESTOWED BY THE NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION DURING
16 HIS TENURE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS, ELAINE, PAM, LINDA
17 AND WENDY; AND HIS BROTHER, CALVIN. DAVID DWIGHT SHIVELY, OF
18 WEST COVINA, A GRADUATE OF WEST COVINA HIGH SCHOOL. HE WAS A
19 FORMER OFFICER WITH THE GLENDORA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THEN
20 THE WEST COVINA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LATER HE WAS A COACH FOR
21 THE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAMS AT WESTERN CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL
22 AND CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL. HERBERT HOWARD, FRIEND, ONE OF MY
23 SUPPORTERS. HE WAS THE SON OF THE LATE COUNCILMAN GILBERT
24 LINDSAY. HE PASSED AWAY AND HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, ROSE. HE WAS
25 AN ACTIVE RESIDENT OF ALTADENA. VANESSA LEIGH FULLADOSA, SHE



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1 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 23. RESIDENT OF PALMDALE. SHE WAS
2 THE VALEDICTORIAN FOR HER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS IN 2005 OF
3 HIGHLAND HIGH. AND SHE LEAVES HER PARENTS AND HER SISTERS AND
4 BROTHER AND GRANDPARENTS AND AUNTS, MANY UNCLES AND COUSINS.
5 MARCIA COGLEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83, LONGTIME RESIDENT
6 OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. FAITH CONKLIN, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
7 CLAREMONT PASSED AWAY AT CHAPARRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SHE WAS
8 AND EDUCATOR IN CLAREMONT UNTIL HER RETIREMENT, WHEN SHE WAS
9 ACTIVE IN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. LEONARD MARANGI,
10 LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES FOR THE PAST 25
11 YEARS. MARTHA DORIS NEDD OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, 39-YEAR
12 RESIDENT. LEROY SPEIRS, LEADER AND SUPPORTER OF THE BOY
13 SCOUTS. HE SERVED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND THE SAN
14 GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF BOY SCOUTS. DAVID EARL TATE, ALSO OF
15 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND JOSEPH DYER, WHO WAS THE RETIRED
16 K.C.B.S. T.V. EXECUTIVE AND ONE OF THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN
17 REPORTERS HIRED BY A MAJOR NATIONAL NETWORK IN LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY. AND HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. AND HE
19 INTERVIEWED MANY OF US IN THE PAST. HE SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE.
20 JOSEPH DYER, BY HIS WIFE AND THREE DAUGHTERS, A SON AND TWO
21 SISTERS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT
22 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I HAD HELD ITEM 24. AND I WANTED TO
23 CONTINUE THAT FOR ONE WEEK. WE HAD REQUESTED FOR THAT TIME AN
24 UNSPENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT FUND FOR TRANSITIONAL AGE
25 YOUTH IN BOTH THE INTERVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION IN THE



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1 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS. I WOULD LIKE THAT ONE
2 WEEK CONTINUANCE TO HAVE A DETAILED REPORT ON THOSE
3 EXPENDITURES, AND UNSPENT FUNDS FOR THESE PROGRAMS SINCE THEIR
4 INCEPTION, AND HOW THE UNSPENT FUNDS ARE MANAGED, WHETHER THEY
5 ARE REALLOCATED TO TRANSITION AGE YOUTH OR TO OTHER PURPOSES.
6 AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE MOTION AMENDMENT TO
7 THIS, AS WELL. "IN 2008, THE BOARD DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITY TO
8 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UNDER THE CURRENT GOVERNANCE
9 STRUCTURE FOR THE GENERAL FISCAL ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND
10 EVALUATION OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. AND WE ESTABLISHED COUNTY
11 CLUSTERS TO CATEGORICALLY MANAGE GROUPINGS OF DEPARTMENTS. THE
12 STRUCTURE WHICH HAS CATEGORICALLY PLACED D.C.F.S. IN A
13 DEPARTMENT CLUSTER SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE DEPARTMENT
14 CLUSTER FOR HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH HAS SERVED
15 TO COMPLICATE RATHER THAN FACILITATE VARIOUS SERVICE DELIVERY
16 INNOVATIONS TO ADVANCE THE TITLE 4 WAIVER INITIATIVES AND
17 COMPLY WITH THE COUNTY'S FIVE-YEAR KATIE A. STRATEGIC PLAN.
18 THE INITIATIVES REQUIRE INTERAGENCY COORDINATION THROUGH
19 MEDICAL HUBS, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE CONSULTATIONS, CLINICAL
20 SERVICES TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND
21 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONTRIBUTING TO CHILD ABUSE. FRAGMENTED
22 ISSUE-FOCUSED, CROSS-CULTURED CLUSTERED COMMUNICATION HAS
23 RENDERED INITIATIVES FRAGMENTED AND BRED UNDETECTED SERVICES
24 AND RESOURCE DUPLICATIONS. CONSIDERING THE LIFE AND DEATH
25 IMPLICATIONS FOR ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN, WE NEED TO



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1 CONTINUE TO PLACE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON STRENGTHENING THE
2 CHILD PROTECTION SAFETY NET BY ORGANIZING, FOSTERING
3 COORDINATED INTERAGENCY SERVICE DELIVERY, THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
4 COST EFFICIENCIES THROUGH ELIMINATED REDUNDANCIES AND THE
5 BLENDING AND LEVERAGING OF SCARCE AND SHRINKING PUBLIC DOLLARS
6 BY ALIGNING AND DIRECT SERVICE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS RELEVANT TO
7 A CHILD'S WELFARE WITHOUT ANY ARBITRARY BUREAUCRATIC LAYERS
8 BETWEEN THEM. STRENGTHENING CHILD PROTECTION THROUGH COUNTY
9 DEPARTMENT CLUSTER RECONFIGURATIONS BY ENSURING THAT THE
10 CHILDREN WHO ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR COUNTY WILL BE
11 PROTECTED. I WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK ON MAKING ALL
13 NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO REASSIGN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
14 AND FAMILY SERVICES FROM THE CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING
15 CLUSTER THE HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER." SO THAT WOULD BE FOR
16 NEXT WEEK, AS WELL.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, THAT WOULD BE A SEPARATE ITEM
19 GOING ON THE AGENDA, CORRECT?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY.



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION BY SUPERVISOR
2 THOMAS, SO ORDERED. ON A MOTION FOR READ-IN FOR NEXT WEEK --
3 OR ACTUALLY THIS IS A -- IN A MEDIA STORY THAT AIRED YESTERDAY
4 REPORTED THAT THE C.E.O. OF ONE OF OUR PRIVATE-PUBLIC
5 PARTNERS, ALTA MEDICAL HEALTH SERVICES, HAS RECEIVED A
6 \$400,000 SALARY INCREASE BETWEEN 2008 AND 2010. CURRENTLY HIS
7 SALARY IS \$797,000 AS REPORTED, WHICH IS VERY HIGH, AND THE
8 INCREASE OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD IS SIGNIFICANT. OF PARTICULAR
9 CONCERN IS THAT THE AGENCY'S REVENUE IN LARGE PART IS BASED ON
10 PUBLIC TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT
11 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO CONDUCT AN EVALUATION OF THE PAY
12 STRUCTURE OF THIS AGENCY TO ENSURE THAT THE TAXPAYER DOLLARS
13 ARE BEING SPENT APPROPRIATELY. SO THIS IS FOR NEXT WEEK? OR
14 COULD WE DO THAT TODAY?

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT WOULD BE FOR NEXT WEEK.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. FOR NEXT WEEK, AS WELL. AND ITEM
19 NO. 8. THE COUNTY OFFICE OF WORKFORCE PROGRAMS SUPPORTS OUR
20 COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS AND PROMOTES A WORK ENVIRONMENT THAT
21 ENHANCES EMPLOYEES' PRODUCTIVITY, RIDE SHARE OPTIONS,
22 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, SAVINGS AND GIVING PROGRAMS. THE
23 WORKPLACE GIVING PROGRAM HAS PROVIDED OUR EMPLOYEES THE
24 OPPORTUNITY FOR VOLUNTARY CHARITABLE GIVING THROUGH A PAYROLL
25 DEDUCTION PROGRAM. FIVE BOARDS APPROVED FUND DISTRIBUTION



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1 AGENCIES THAT REPRESENT OVER 600 NONPROFIT AGENCIES AND HEALTH
2 AND HUMAN SERVICES. THEY ASSIST IN MAXIMIZING DONOR
3 DISTRIBUTION, DOLLAR DISTRIBUTION TO AGENCIES SERVING OUR
4 LOCAL RESIDENTS AND DIVERSE COMMUNITIES. ONE OF THE BOARD-
5 APPROVED AGENCIES, THE UNITED WAY, HAS REALLY FAILED, IN MY
6 OPINION, IN A NUMBER OF WAYS. OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE
7 UNITED WAY HAS SIGNIFICANTLY SHIFTED ITS DOLLAR DISTRIBUTIONS
8 AWAY FROM AGENCIES SERVING OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND DIVERSE
9 COMMUNITIES. ONE OF THOSE IS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ALLIANCE
10 OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS. WE HAVE A BOYS' AND GIRLS'
11 CLUBS IN ALL OUR COMMUNITIES. THEY DO AN INCREDIBLE JOB. 27
12 SEPARATE CLUBS WITH 117 SITES IN EVERY ONE OF THE
13 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, THEY SERVE 105,000 YOUNG BOYS AND
14 GIRLS, AGES 6 TO 18 TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS
15 PRODUCTIVE, CARING CITIZENS. AMIDST THE BACKDROP OF AN
16 UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC CRISIS, THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS
17 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A SAFETY NET TO PREPARE THE NEXT
18 GENERATION. THEY HELP CHILDREN THROUGH HEALTHY FEEDING AND
19 NUTRITION PROGRAMS, ENHANCING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE THROUGH
20 AFTER SCHOOL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND INSTILLING
21 THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY THROUGH CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP
22 DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, NONE OF THIS IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE
23 FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THEIR PARTNERS AND DONORS. SINCE EARLY
24 '70S UNITED WAY USED TO BE A SOURCE OF FUNDING UPON WHICH THE
25 BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB DEPENDED. HOWEVER, WITHIN THE PAST



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1 DECADE, THE UNITED WAY'S FUNDING SHARPLY DECLINED BECAUSE NOW
2 THE UNITED WAY IS TRANSFORMED FROM BEING A COMMUNITY CHEST OF
3 GOOD ORGANIZATIONS TO BEING A GRANT-MAKING AGENCY IMPOSING
4 THEIR PRIORITIES UPON COMMUNITIES THROUGH ITS GRANTEEES.
5 CURRENTLY TO QUALIFY NOW FOR A UNITED WAY GRANT AGENCY
6 PROPOSAL, YOU MUST FIT ONE OF THREE CATEGORIES: HOUSING
7 STABILITY, FINANCIAL STABILITY AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT. THE
8 UNITED WAY'S FUNDING ASSURANCE FOR THE L.A. COUNTY ALLIANCE OF
9 BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS IS NOW ELIMINATED. TO GIVE YOU ONE
10 EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE GROUPS WENT FROM \$100,000 TO \$30,000. AND
11 ONCE EXHAUSTED, THAT ONE GROUP WILL NO LONGER HAVE ANY UNITED
12 WAY FUNDING. AND THAT'S THE STORY FOR MANY OF THE UNITED WAY
13 GROUPS. THERE ARE OTHER YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE
14 TRADITIONALLY BEEN FUNDED THAT UNITED WAY HAS NOW CUT OFF, AS
15 WELL, OR SEVERELY CRIPPLED. SO WHILE THIS MOTION SUPPORTING
16 THE MARCH OF DIMES TO DO A GREAT JOB, WHICH I SUPPORT, I'LL
17 MOVE THE MOTION 8. BUT FOR THE REFERENCE ON THE UNITED WAY,
18 THEY HAVE TAKEN A STEP WAY FROM HELPING OUR BOYS' AND GIRLS'
19 CLUB AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR COUNTY WITH THEIR OWN
20 CRITERIA. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
21 ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, ITEM A-4, THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 HEALTH SERVICES HAD PUT FORWARD SOME RECOMMENDATIONS ON ITEM
25 A-4. SO WE JUST NEED APPROVAL OF THAT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. GENEVIEVE HAD HELD IT BUT SHE
3 DOESN'T WANT TO SPEAK ON IT SO MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION. LINDA KERSTEIN.
5 OH, I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE THAT ALL MEMBERS JOIN IN MEMORY OF LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTY TOM GALLAGHER, WHO UNEXPECTEDLY
9 PASSED AWAY. DEPUTY GALLAGHER WAS AN ESTEEMED MEMBER OF THE
10 SHERIFF'S INDUSTRY STATION AND WAS KNOWN AS A DEDICATED
11 HUMANITARIAN. HE NEVER FAILED TO HELP MEMBERS IN HIS LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT FAMILY WHO WERE IN NEED. TOM JOINED THE DEPARTMENT
13 IN 1996, WORKED IN CUSTODY ASSIGNMENTS AND JOINED THE INDUSTRY
14 STATION IN 2006. HE SERVED THE VALINDA COMMUNITY AS A TRAINING
15 OFFICER, A PATROL DEPUTY, AND A MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRY SPECIAL
16 ASSIGNMENT TEAM. HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT
17 WITH THE EL MONTE TASK FORCE WHEN HE TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY.
18 WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO HIS
19 FAMILY, HIS FRIENDS, HIS PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES, AND
20 CERTAINLY THE VALINDA COMMUNITY, AS WELL.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, THAT WAS IT.

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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW, LINDA KERSTEIN? ESTELA LOPEZ-
2 SPEARS, HILLARIE LEVY? TRINA COVARRUBIAS? SO I HAVE LINDA, WE
3 HAVE ESTELA, WE HAVE HILLARIE AND WE HAVE TRINA, RIGHT?

4
5 **LINDA KERSTEIN:** [VOICE OF SIGNING INTERPRETER] ALL OF THE
6 MEMBERS HERE, I HAVE AN INTERPRETER WHO'S SPEAKING FOR ME. AND
7 I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE LIVE T.V. OPEN-CAPTIONED
8 CONTENT OF THE MEETINGS. I HAVE DEAF FRIENDS. I'VE HAD MY
9 LAPTOP HERE, WHO HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FOLLOW THE MEETING. AND
10 THEY WERE UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS BEING SAID. AND I'M
11 ASKING THAT THE MEETINGS BE MADE ACCESSIBLE ON CLOSED CAPTION
12 TV. AND THEN SECOND. I FILED A COMPLAINT, AN AMERICANS WITH
13 DISABILITIES ACT COMPLAINT, TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION
14 ON DISABILITIES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION DEPARTMENT BACK IN
15 NOVEMBER. I'VE NOT GOTTEN A RESPONSE. AND I FEEL THAT I'M
16 BEING VICTIMIZED BECAUSE I'M A DEAF PERSON. NO ONE RESPONDS. I
17 HAVE THESE PHOTOS HERE. THIS IS A VERY EMOTIONAL ISSUE FOR ME
18 BECAUSE IT HAS TO DO WITH MY MOTHER. SHE'S IN SHERMAN OAKS. I
19 HAVEN'T SEEN HER FOR 11 MONTHS. ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES HAVE
20 BEEN DISCRIMINATING AGAINST ME FOR THE LAST YEAR. THEY HAVE
21 GIVEN ME NO HELP. I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT MY BROTHER AND MY
22 SISTER, I HAVE A COPY OF SOME COURT PAPERS THAT WERE REALLY
23 SHOCKING TO ME, THAT ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES TOLD MY BROTHER
24 AND SISTER THAT I FILED A COMPLAINT AGAINST ADULT PROTECTIVE
25 SERVICES. I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS. THIS SOCIAL



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1 WORKER I WAS WORKING WITH NEVER ASKED ME FOR PERMISSION WITH
2 THIS. AND SHE COMMUNICATED WITH THEM WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE. MY
3 BROTHER GOT A LAWYER AND THEY SENT ME A LETTER AND SAID THAT I
4 HAD TO STOP FILING COMPLAINTS AGAINST THEM, AGAINST THE A.P.A.
5 THE LETTER SAID THAT I HAVE TO FILE A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE
6 A.P.A. AND NOT AGAINST MY BROTHER AND MY SISTER. SO WHY DID
7 THE SOCIAL WORKER INFORM MY SIBLINGS WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE?
8 I'VE BEEN VICTIMIZED AGAIN BECAUSE I'M DEAF. I'VE TRIED TO
9 SEND EMAILS TO THE A.P.A. SOCIAL WORKER MANY TIMES ABOUT
10 FINANCIAL ABUSE WITH MY MOTHER AND VERBAL ABUSE WITH MY
11 MOTHER. AND THEY HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO ME IN A YEAR. HOW CAN
12 THEY HAVE THE TIME TO COMMUNICATE WITH MY HEARING BROTHER AND
13 SISTER AND THEY HAVE NO TIME TO COMMUNICATE WITH ME? NOW, THE
14 A.P.A., ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES, CAME TO MY HOUSE. I TRIED
15 TO SHOW THEM PROOF. I HAVE LOTS OF DOCUMENTATION AND PHOTOS.
16 THE SOCIAL WORKER COMPLETELY IGNORED THEM.

17

18 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COULD YOU WRAP IT UP?

19

20 **LINDA KERSTEIN:** I WILL. IN A RECENT EMAIL FROM A.P.A., THEY
21 SAID THAT THEY WOULD CONTACT MY SIBLINGS AND INFORM THEM OF MY
22 SITUATION. AND THEY ASKED MY SIBLINGS TO GIVE THEM COPIES.
23 THEY DIDN'T GIVE ME ANYTHING OR ASK ME FOR ANYTHING. ON
24 FEBRUARY 24, I WAS IN A RESTAURANT TRYING TO SEE MY MOTHER AND



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1 HER DECLINE WAS SHOCKING. AND I REALLY FEEL THAT SHE'S BEING
2 ABUSED. AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SEE HER FOR 11 MONTHS.

3

4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CAN YOU WRAP IT UP?

5

6 **LINDA KERSTEIN:** MY COMPLAINT IS THAT ADULT PROTECTIVE
7 SERVICES, THIS IS MY MOTHER. WHEN I HAVE TRIED TO SHOW
8 AFFECTION TO HER, THEY TRY TO KEEP ME FROM EVEN SHOWING
9 AFFECTION TO HER. THIS PERSON WAS WRITING ME A NOTE HERE
10 TELLING ME TO SIT DOWN AND TO GET AWAY FROM MY MOTHER. UNTIL
11 THE A.P.A. CAME TO THE RESTAURANT FIRST. THIS IS BIG TIME
12 DISCRIMINATION. SHE MISTREATED ME. SHE TREATED ME LIKE A
13 STUPID LITTLE GIRL. SHE HAD NO RIGHT TO DO THIS. SHE HAD NO
14 RIGHT TO --

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU HAVE TO GET TO THE INTERPRETER.

17

18 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **LINDA KERSTEIN:** IS THERE ANY RESPONSE? I NEED HELP? I WANT TO
21 SEE MY MOTHER. I HAVE A RIGHT TO SEE HER.

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23 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL HAVE SOMEBODY FROM THE
24 DEPARTMENT.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THEY HAVE ALREADY TRIED.

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3 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL HAVE SOMEBODY FROM THE
4 DEPARTMENT. SOMEBODY FROM THE DEPARTMENT WILL TALK TO HER.

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6 **LINDA KERSTEIN:** WHICH DEPARTMENT IS THAT?

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8 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

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10 **ESTELA LOPEZ-SPEARS:** HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, HONORABLE
11 GLORIA MOLINA, HONORABLE ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, HONORABLE MR.
12 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH, HONORABLE DON KNABE AND HONORABLE MARK
13 RIDLEY-THOMAS. I'M HERE TODAY TO REQUEST THAT YOU GUYS WOULD
14 PLEASE IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
15 AND FAMILY SERVICES SOME OVERSIGHT. THERE IS A SERIOUS LACKING
16 NEED WITHIN THAT AGENCY. AND THEY HAVE CONTINUOUSLY KEPT
17 CHILDREN AWAY FROM PARENTS THAT ARE ABLE AND WILLING TO CARE
18 FOR THEM. THEY VIOLATE, BLATANTLY VIOLATE ORDERS OF THE COURT.
19 AND THEY HAVE THIS MOTION THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO DO WHAT THEY
20 WANT BECAUSE THEY WIELD A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF POWER. LIVES
21 ARE BEING AFFECTED. THESE ARE CHILDREN. THESE ARE PARENTS.
22 THEY SHOULD NOT BE SEPARATED. THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO TURN
23 A BLIND EYE AND A DEAF EAR TO WHAT GOES ON IN FOSTER CARE. YET
24 FOR THESE SAME ISSUES, THEY'LL PULL CHILDREN FROM THEIR
25 NATURAL PARENTS. AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD NOT BE.



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1 THESE CHILDREN SHOULD BE WITH THE PARENTS. I HAVE WATCHED MY
2 CHILDREN'S GRADES FALL. NOW WHERE THEY ONCE RESPECTED
3 AUTHORITY, THEY BLATANTLY DISRESPECT AUTHORITY FIGURES. THEY
4 DO POORLY IN SCHOOL. THE DEPARTMENT HIDES BEHIND BILLS SUCH AS
5 A.B.273 OR I THINK -- IT'S SOMEWHERE NEAR THERE THAT STATES
6 THAT A FOSTER CHILD CANNOT FAIL SCHOOL. THAT'S WHAT THEY HIDE
7 BEHIND. INSTEAD OF TAKING NOTE OF THEIR ACADEMIC PROGRESS,
8 THEY HIDE BEHIND THESE BILLS, THESE PROTECTIVE BILLS TO ENSURE
9 THAT THE CHILDREN PASS JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE IN FOSTER CARE.
10 NOT BECAUSE THEY ACTUALLY KNOW THE MATERIAL, NOT BECAUSE
11 THEY'RE ACADEMICALLY UP TO PAR LIKE THEY WERE IN MY HOME. FOUR
12 YEARS MY CHILDREN HAVE BEEN GONE. SIX CHILDREN. THEY WERE
13 NEVER PLACED WITH THEIR FATHER. HE HAS NO CRIMINAL RECORD. BUT
14 THEY WERE PLACED WITH A CONVICTED FELON. AND THIS WAS SENT
15 CONFIDENTIALLY TO THE COURT IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED
16 CONFIDENTIAL. THIS MAN IS A FORMER SHERIFF, YES, HE SERVED THE
17 COMMUNITY WELL. BUT HE'S NOT SERVING THE CHILDREN WELL RIGHT
18 NOW. A LOT OF THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING UNDER HIS CARE. MY
19 SON, HE'S 15. HE USES METHAMPHETAMINE. HE'S HAD ORAL SEX, I'M
20 SORRY, IN FRONT OF HIS SISTERS, HIS LITTLE SISTERS. THIS TYPE
21 OF BEHAVIOR SHOULD BE KNOWN TO THE COURT SO THE COURT CAN MAKE
22 INFORMED DECISIONS. AND ENOUGH ABOUT MY CASE. I'M ASKING THIS
23 BOARD AND MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD JUST TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING
24 SOME OVERSIGHT, SOME INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THIS AGENCY. I'M
25 JUST ASKING YOU JUST TO CONSIDER IT PLEASE.



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2 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL
3 UP RICHARD ROBINSON, JOSEPH DUVALLE, AND ETHEL WASHINGTON?
4 YES, MA'AM. YES, MA'AM.

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6 **HILLARIE LEVY:** MY NAME IS HILLARIE LEVY. FOR THE PAST SIX
7 YEARS, SINCE MY DAUGHTER PASSED FROM CANCER, I HAVE COME
8 BEFORE THE BOARD IN AN ATTEMPT TO NOTIFY YOU OF THE SENIOR
9 FIELD DEPUTIES' ACTIONS OF MANIPULATING MY DYING DAUGHTER, HER
10 SUBORDINATE, INTO SIGNING CONTROL OF HER MILLION DOLLARS
11 ESTATE OVER TO HER AND HER COHORTS. THE BOARD'S RESPONSE WAS
12 TO DEFEND HER ACTIONS, BAN ME FROM SPEAKING AT BOARD MEETINGS
13 AND HAVE YOUR LAWYER/LOBBYIST SEND ME THREATENING LETTERS.
14 THANKFULLY THE STATE'S RESPONSE WAS TO PASS S.B.105. WHAT THE
15 BOARD WAS UNAWARE OF WAS THE UNETHICAL ACTIONS OF THE SENIOR
16 FIELD DEPUTY AND HER COHORTS IN PROBATE COURT AS THEY PAID NO
17 BILLS, DELIBERATELY INFLATED THE PRICE OF THE STATE
18 POSSESSIONS AND CAUSED WASTE TO MY DAUGHTER'S ESTATE FOR THEIR
19 FINANCIAL GAIN. THUS, THE LETTERS YOU HAVE FROM THE LEGAL
20 DEPARTMENTS OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND ST. JUDE'S
21 CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL, BOTH BENEFICIARIES WHO WERE
22 FORCED TO UTILIZE ADDITIONAL LEGAL ACTION. THE REASON FOR ST.
23 JUDE'S APOLOGY IS DUE TO THEIR THREATS TO ME BASED ON THE
24 SENIOR FIELD DEPUTY AND HER COHORTS' FALSE AND SLANDEROUS
25 STATEMENTS ABOUT ME. SINCE THE SENIOR FIELD DEPUTY AND HER



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1 COHORTS ALSO WANTED CONTROL OF MY DAUGHTER'S SURVIVING LITTLE
2 SISTER'S ESTATE, OUR FAMILY WAS FORCED TO SPEND \$6,000 TO HIRE
3 AN ATTORNEY TO ENSURE THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN. THE SENIOR FIELD
4 DEPUTY AND HER COHORTS TOOK MONEY FROM MY DAUGHTER'S ESTATE TO
5 PAY TO FIGHT THE ATTORNEYS OF ALL THESE BENEFICIARIES. INSTEAD
6 OF A WELL-DESERVED APOLOGY FROM THE BOARD IMPLEMENTING CHANGES
7 TO L.A. COUNTY CODE SECTION 6.09 CONCERNING SALARIED EMPLOYEES
8 WOULD BE PREFERRED. CHANGES TO THIS CODE, WHICH INCLUDE
9 IMPROVED MONITORING OF THESE EMPLOYEES, WOULD PREVENT THOSE
10 WHO LACK INTEGRITY AND HONESTY FROM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF
11 CONSTITUENTS. SINCE THE SENIOR FIELD DEPUTY ALSO TOOK
12 POSSESSION OF MY DAUGHTER'S MORPHINE FOR HER CANCER PAIN,
13 RANDOM DRUG TESTS SHOULD ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED. THIS GREEDY
14 SENIOR FIELD DEPUTY AND HER COHORTS' DEPLORABLE ACTION IN
15 PROBATE COURT CAUSED EACH OF THE BENEFICIARIES TO RECEIVE A
16 REDUCED AMOUNT, ADVERSELY AFFECTING PEDIATRIC AND ADULT CANCER
17 TREATMENT AND RESEARCH. ALSO, THEIR ACTIONS PRIOR TO PROBATE
18 COURT RESULTED IN THE PASSING OF S.B.105. HOW MUCH WORSE DO
19 EMPLOYEES' ACTIONS HAVE TO BE UNTIL THE BOARD WILL NO LONGER
20 DEFEND THEM? YOUR CONSTITUENTS DESERVE ANSWERS AND A BOARD WHO
21 PLACES A PRIORITY ON THEM, NOT YOUR EMPLOYEES.

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23 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. ROBINSON?

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1 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** THERE'S NO ESCAPE FROM THE HUMAN CONDITION.
2 HONORABLE MAYOR, MEMBERS. WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, THE TOUGH
3 GET GOING. SIR, BECAUSE TOUGH DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE,
4 FURLOUGHS ARE NECESSARY. IT IS SAID THAT FROM WHOM MUCH IS
5 GIVEN, MUCH IS EXPECTED. I SAY FROM WHOM MUCH IS EXPECTED,
6 MUCH IS GIVEN. GOD HAS GIVEN ALL OF YOU, SIR, MUCH. YOU WOULD
7 NOT BE HERE, IF NOT. HE DID NOT PUT YOU HERE IF YOU WERE
8 INCOMPETENT. THE GIFTS HE HAS GIVEN YOU INDIVIDUALLY AND
9 COLLECTIVELY MAKE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WORK. THE PROCESS OF
10 SOLVING PROBLEMS IS PAINSTAKING. HOWARD JARVIS DID NOT INTEND
11 HARM, BUT THE REALITY OF PROPOSITION 13'S EFFECT IS THAT LIVES
12 ARE BEING LOST BECAUSE OF MUCH-NEEDED BUDGET SLASHING. THE
13 TIDE IS AGAIN RISING ONE DAY AT A TIME, ALL THE SHIPS. JOY IS
14 COMING IN THE MORNING. SEVERAL YEARS FROM NOW, WE SHALL HAVE
15 BEEN MADE AWARE THAT THESE FURLOUGHS, WHICH INCIDENTALLY ARE
16 NOT FIRINGS, ARE NECESSARY. IF GOVERNMENT IS TO NOT BE
17 DYSFUNCTIONAL, HENNY PENNY, CHICKEN LITTLE AND THE FLOTSAM OF
18 Y2K WITH VICE PRESIDENT SPIRO T. AGNEW CALLED NATTERING NABOBS
19 OF NEGATIVISM WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE THAT THE WORLD IS ENDING.
20 HORSE FEATHERS. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

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22 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. I MENTIONED JOSEPH DUVALLE.
23 ETHEL WASHINGTON.

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1 **JOSEPH DUVALLE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND
2 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOSEPH DUVALLE, I'M WITH COMMUNITY
3 COALITION IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES WHERE WE ORGANIZE RESIDENTS TO
4 IMPACT PUBLIC POLICY. TODAY WE'RE HERE REGARDING THE MATTER OF
5 THE NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO BE HIRED
6 SOON. OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS AT COMMUNITY COALITION WE'VE
7 ADVOCATED FOR A NUMBER OF REFORMS TO D.C.F.S. TO IMPROVE
8 CONDITIONS FOR KINSHIP FAMILIES WHO MAKE UP THE GREATEST SHARE
9 OF CHILDREN IN D.C.F.S. SO FOR MANY OF OUR MEMBERS, WE'VE BEEN
10 CHALLENGED BY LIMITATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATION. IT
11 HAS ESSENTIALLY RELEGATED KINSHIP FAMILIES TO THE PERIPHERY
12 RATHER THAN PROVIDING MORE ATTENTION AND RESOURCES TO TO
13 SUPPORT THESE FAMILIES. IT IS OUR VISION THAT THE NEW
14 DIRECTOR'S MANDATE, ONCE HIRED, IS INSTRUCTED TO STRUCTURALLY
15 REFLECT THE CENTRAL ROLE OF KINSHIP FAMILIES AND END THE
16 DEPARTMENT'S ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. AND AS MISS WASHINGTON
17 WILL STATE, WE'RE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH DETAILING OUR
18 VISION FOR THE NEW DIRECTOR PER THE DIRECTION OF THIS BOARD.
19 THANK YOU.

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21 **ETHEL WASHINGTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ETHEL WASHINGTON.
22 I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY COALITION, WITH KINSHIP IN
23 ACTION, WE ARE 300 STRONG. WE'RE ON A CAMPAIGN TO GET MORE
24 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT ARE CENTRALIZED FOR RELATIVE
25 CAREGIVERS IN OUR AREA WITHIN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. THE NEW



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1 D.C.F.S. DIRECTOR HIRING IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE AND REFORM
2 AND THE COUNTY WELFARE SYSTEM. CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, THAT IS.
3 WHAT WE WOULD LIKE IS FOR IT TO BE MORE REFLECTIVE OF KINSHIP.
4 50 PERCENT OF THE CHILDREN ARE IN KINSHIP CARE IN THE COUNTY.
5 AS A GRANDMOTHER AND A GREAT GRANDMOTHER, I'M HERE TO ADVOCATE
6 THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE AND THE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON
7 OUR FAMILIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL
10 UP ARNOLD SACHS AND ERIC PREVEN.

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12 **ERIC PREVEN:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS. AS YOU KNOW FROM MY
13 MANY GOOD- FAITH EFFORTS HERE TO BE REIMBURSED FOR THE
14 DEVASTATING AND ILLEGAL SIX-MONTH IMPOUNDMENT OF OUR ANIMALS
15 WITHOUT A HEARING, I AM ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
16 DISTRICT 3. I WAS INSPIRED AT THE 83RD ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS
17 WHERE IT IS, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, LESS EXPENSIVE TO PARK THAN IT
18 IS AT THIS WEEKLY PUBLIC MEETING. I NOTED THESE REMARKS. IN
19 THIS GRAVE HOUR, I SEND TO EVERY RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY THIS MESSAGE, SPOKEN WITH THE SAME DEPTH OF FEELING FOR
21 EACH ONE OF YOU AS IF I WERE ABLE TO CROSS YOUR THRESHOLD AND
22 SPEAK TO YOU MYSELF. OVER AND OVER AGAIN WE HAVE TRIED TO FIND
23 A PEACEFUL WAY OUT OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OURSELVES AND
24 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHO ARE NOW OUR ENEMIES. BUT IT HAS
25 BEEN IN VAIN. WE HAVE BEEN FORCED INTO A CONFLICT FOR WHICH WE



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1 ARE CALLED TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF A PRINCIPLE WHICH, IF IT
2 WERE TO PREVAIL, WOULD BE FATAL TO ANY CIVILIZED ORDER IN THE
3 WORLD. IT IS A PRINCIPLE WHICH PERMITS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN
4 THE SELFISH FEAR OF LIABILITY TO DISREGARD ITS OWN
5 CONSTITUTION AND ITS SOLEMN PLEDGES AND TO SANCTION MISCONDUCT
6 AND THE USE OF FORCE OR THREAT OF FORCE AGAINST ITS INNOCENT
7 RESIDENTS. SUCH A PRINCIPLE, STRIPPED OF ALL DISGUISE, IS
8 SURELY THE MERE PRIMITIVE DOCTRINE THAT LEGAL MIGHT IS RIGHT.
9 AND IF THIS PRINCIPLE WERE ALLOWED TO FLOURISH HERE, THE
10 OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR OF RETALIATION AND
11 MALFEASANCE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE IN DANGER. BUT FAR MORE THAN
12 THIS, ALL HOPE FOR FAIR TREATMENT, DUE PROCESS, JUSTICE AND
13 LIBERTY WOULD BE ENDED. THIS IS THE ULTIMATE ISSUE WHICH
14 CONFRONTS THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. FOR THE SAKE OF
15 ALL THAT WE OURSELVES HOLD DEAR AND OF THE COUNTY ORDER AND
16 PEACE, IT IS UNTHINKABLE THAT WE SHOULD REFUSE TO MEET THE
17 CHALLENGE. IT IS TO THIS HIGH PURPOSE THAT I NOW CALL ON THE
18 RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT 3 AND THE OTHER FOUR DISTRICTS OF THIS,
19 THE GREATEST COUNTY ON EARTH, WHO WILL MAKE OUR CAUSE THEIR
20 OWN. I ASK THEM TO STAND CALM AND FIRM AND UNITED IN THIS TIME
21 OF TRIAL. THE TASK WILL BE HARD. THERE MAY BE DARK DAYS AHEAD
22 AND OUR STRUGGLE WILL NO LONGER BE CONFINED TO THIS MAJESTIC
23 BOARDROOM. BUT WE CAN ONLY DO THE RIGHT AS WE SEE THE RIGHT
24 AND REVERENTLY COMMIT OUR CAUSE TO THE MANY RESIDENTS WHO HAVE
25 SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF THE HIGH AND MIGHTY COUNTY COUNCIL.



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1 IF ONE AND ALL WE KEEP RESOLUTELY FAITHFUL TO OUR CAUSE, READY
2 FOR WHATEVER SERVICE OR SACRIFICE IT MAY DEMAND, THEN, WITH
3 LUCK, IN FEDERAL COURT WE WILL PREVAIL. HOW ARE WE DOING ON
4 THE ETHICS DOCUMENTS, MR. FUJIOKA? D.A.'S OFFICE SUGGESTED
5 THAT YOU'D BE REPRESENTING THEM, MS. ORDIN. I WAS CURIOUS. ON
6 WHAT MATTER WILL YOU BE REPRESENTING THEM?

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8 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. SACHS? MR.
9 SACHS?

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO REALLY THANK YOU
12 FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION BECAUSE OF THE LONG LINE OF PEOPLE
13 WAITING TO GET IN, NOT BEING ABLE TO COME IN HERE AND COMMENT
14 ON SOME ITEMS THAT I HELD ON YOUR AGENDA. BUT JUST F.Y.I., ON
15 THE AGENDA, IT STATES THE MEETING STARTS AT 9:30. SO BEING
16 STICKLERS FOR BEING IN A SPOT, YOU SHOULD REAP WHAT YOU SOW.
17 BE HERE AT 9:30. THAT BEING SAID, VERY INTERESTING METRO BOARD
18 MEETING AND A VERY INTERESTING COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
19 MEETING. HAD A GREAT NAP. BUT YOU WOKE ME UP, SUPERVISOR
20 MOLINA, WHEN YOU WERE CONCERNED ABOUT A SIGNATURE ON A
21 DOCUMENT. BECAUSE THAT WAS THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE
22 METRO BOARD, THE SIGNATURE ON A TOPIC REGARDING THE REPORT ON
23 THE 710 EXTENSION AND WHAT IT WOULD COST TO THE PUBLIC. YOU
24 REMEMBER, MR. ROGER MOLIER SAID "REAL WORLD COSTS." WE CAN'T
25 GIVE YOU A FIGURE BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE REAL WORLD COSTS. WE



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1 HAVE METRO COSTS. AND WE HAVE WAYNE'S WORLD COSTS BUT WE DON'T
2 HAVE REAL WORLD COSTS. AND BOARD MEMBER NAJARIAN WAS CONCERNED
3 ABOUT WHAT EXACTLY THOSE SIGNATURES WOULD MEAN ON THOSE
4 DOCUMENTS THAT WERE PREPARED BY METRO. YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT
5 DOCUMENTS, SIGNING A DOCUMENT WITH THE STATE. WELL HERE'S A
6 DOCUMENT, A RECORDING REQUESTED BY THE LAWYERS, THE
7 CORPORATION GRANTEE, SIGNED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE HABIB BALIAN OF
8 THE LOS ANGELES TO PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION
9 AUTHORITY, A PUBLIC AGENCY, A.K.A. METRO GOLD LINE FOOTHILL
10 EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. BUT HERE'S A DOCUMENT
11 CREATED BY THE STATE SENATE. BILL HISTORY. PASADENA METRO BLUE
12 LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. NOW, PLEASE, I KNOW MS. ORDIN,
13 YOU WERE ASKED ABOUT BROWN ACT IN REGARDS TO THAT BY MS.
14 MOLINA, BUT PLEASE TELL ME THAT THE LOS ANGELES TO PASADENA
15 METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY AND THE PASADENA METRO
16 BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY ARE THE SAME. OR NOT? BECAUSE
17 THE A.K.A. IS FOR THE LOS ANGELES TO PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE
18 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. THAT'S THE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY
19 THAT'S MEETING, THAT'S HAVING BOARD MEETINGS. BUT THAT'S NOT
20 THE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY CREATED BY STATE LEGISLATION. SO
21 THAT DOESN'T ADHERE TO THE BROWN ACT. AND IF IT DOESN'T ADHERE
22 TO THE BROWN ACT AND IT DOESN'T DO THIS AND THE SIGNATURES ARE
23 VALID BUT THE DOCUMENTS AREN'T, WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE METRO?
24 LET'S GO BACK TO WAYNE'S WORLD. WHAT WAS IT? SCHWING. THAT'S
25 WHAT HE USED TO SAY, RIGHT? YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS? THANK



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1 YOU FOR YOUR TIME, ANSWERS AND ATTENTION. SEE YOU AT 9:30 NEXT
2 WEEK, SIR.

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4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL WERE HERE BUT YOU WEREN'T.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I WAS OUT IN THE HALLWAY IN LINE.

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8 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THERE HAPPENED TO BE A FIGHT OUT
9 THERE. SO WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT.

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THERE WAS NO -- I DON'T KNOW FIGHT OR NOT.

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13 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU MISSED IT.

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15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OUT MAYBE ON THE STREET. BUT IN THE HALLWAY
16 THERE WAS NO FIGHT. IT WAS JUST A LINE OF PEOPLE WAITING TO
17 GET THROUGH SECURITY. AND I NOTIFIED THE PEOPLE IN THE
18 EXECUTIVE OFFICE THAT I WAS HERE TO PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN MY
19 NAME WAS CALLED.

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21 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HOPE YOU'LL BE TAKING THE GOLD LINE
22 SOON.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THE GOLD LINE. BUT I
2 HAVEN'T BEEN TO ANY BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY MEETINGS.
3 (CONTINUED OFF MIC, COMMENTS).

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LET'S GO TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
8 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
9 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1, CS-2 AND
10 CS-3, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
11 LITIGATION AND ITEM NO. CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
12 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS
13 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS, THANK YOU.

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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION MARCH 1, 2011

No reportable action was taken on items CS-1, CS-3 or CS-4.

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Blake
Dupree v. County of Los Angeles, United States District Court
Case No. CV 0901110

This litigation arises from injuries sustained by plaintiff
while in custody. (09-0579)

ACTION TAKEN: The Board authorized settlement of the matter
titled Blake Dupree v. County of Los Angeles. The details of
the settlement will be made available once the settlement has
been finalized by all parties.

The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being
present.



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